

HOME NEWS

Girl on bomb murder charges 'said she did not like it when children in coach were killed'

Judith Theresa Ward, aged 26, accused of killing 12 people in the M62 coach explosion, was... She has espoused the cause of the IRA and their associates...

Miss Ward was familiar with the bus service which carried soldiers and their families all over the United Kingdom on Friday nights. She had made a statement acknowledging that she helped those who planted a bomb in the officers' mess at Aldershot, killing several people.



A police dog on guard at Wakefield, where the M62 coach murder trial opened yesterday.

Townsppeople facing increasing noise

By John Roger. Within six years half of Britain's town dwellers will be living with a 65 decibel level of noise, two experts said yesterday. Good, quiet conditions are in the 35 to 50 decibel range.

Orchestras heed protest over lack of new works

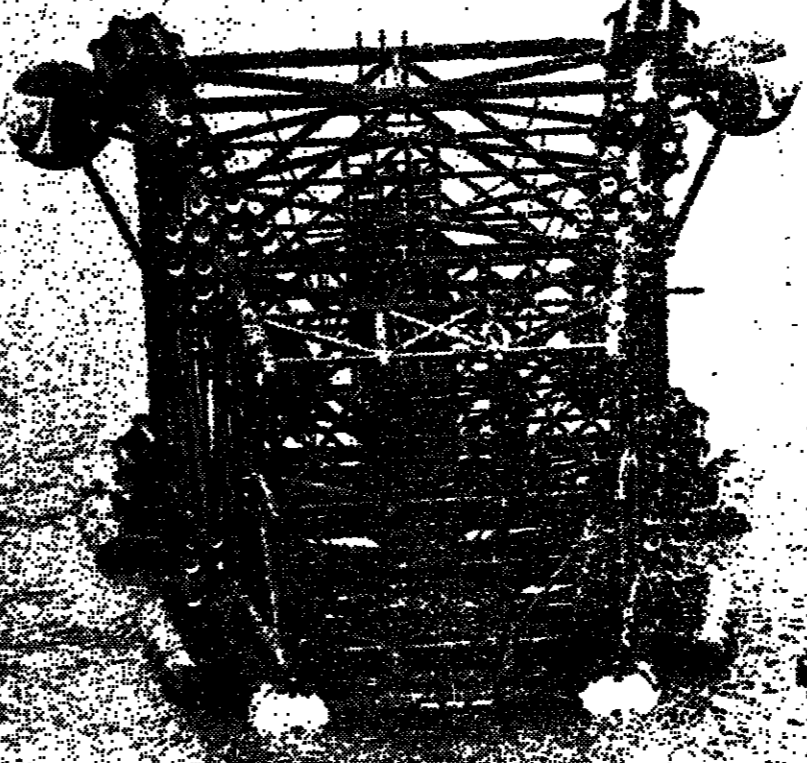
By Kenneth Gosling. Arts Reporter. Ten symphonic works by living British composers are to be considered by the four London orchestras for inclusion in future programmes as a result of a protest by Mr Francis Routh, artistic director of the Royal Philharmonic.

Shelter scorns slum clearance plans

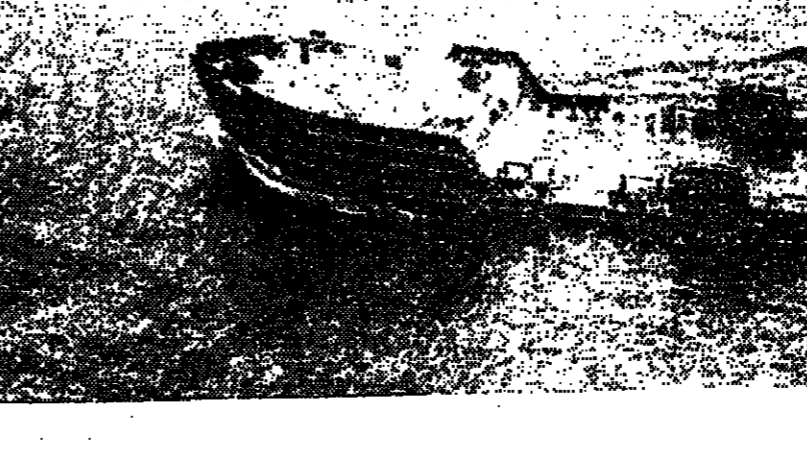
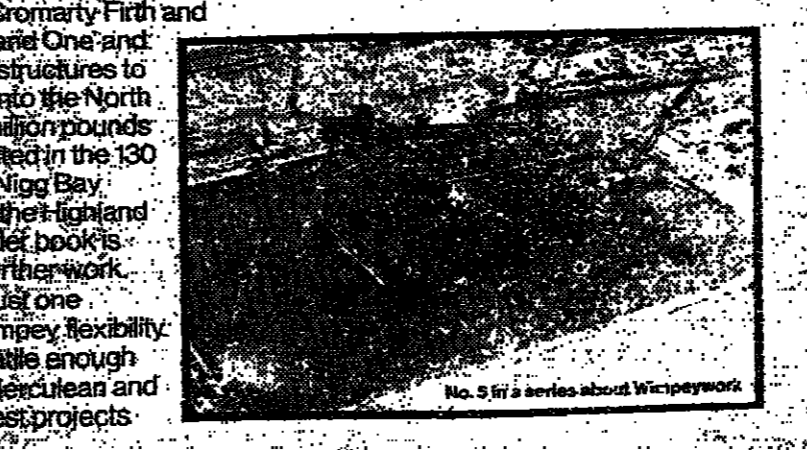
By John Young. Planning Reporter. An indictment of local authorities' record on slum clearance is contained in a report published today by Shelter, the organization for the homeless. It accuses councils of lack of honesty in dealing with the residents of clearance areas, and of showing "contempt for the feelings and fears of those whose lives are completely overshadowed by uncertainty about the future and depression over their present living conditions."

government must be held responsible for some delays. The enforcement of housing cost yardsticks and of fixed-price tendering, together with the shortage of building labour and materials, have severely affected local authority housebuilding, and this has inevitably restricted the rehousing of people from clearance areas.

The gateway to the North Sea oilfields is now open.



North Sea oil was a big discovery. More platforms were needed - and needed fast. In 1972 George Wimpey and Brown and Root formed Highland Fabricators and started to recover steel from Nigg Bay on the Cromarty Firth to build a fabrication yard. Six months later Wimpey had created a 600,000 square yard graving dock 50 feet deep to accommodate the construction of the largest oil production platform ever commissioned.



Life jail for man who killed cricketer

From Our Correspondent Bristol. A promising young county cricketer was murdered by a man who had been planning a killing for two years and said he wanted to do it again, it was stated at Bristol Crown Court yesterday.

Medicine addict freed by Court of Appeal

A man's addiction to a proprietary medicine was directly responsible for many of the crimes he had committed, Lord Justice Scarman said in the Court of Appeal yesterday. He said Barry John Evans, aged 30, turned to the medicine, which contained chloroform and morphine, whenever life became a strain. He set to get money to buy the mixture.

Margarine losing price advantage over butter

Changes in wholesale prices mean that all but the very cheapest varieties of margarine will soon cost as much as the lowest priced butter. The strong competitive advantage on which margarine has been traded is being eliminated by rising costs of vegetable oils.

Food prices

"mountain" in cold stores. Marks and Spencer said yesterday it was cutting all frozen fish varieties by at least 20 a pound and Tesco is selling one brand of fish fingers at almost a third less than the normal price.

HOME NEWS

Rebuilding is turning London into hostile place, professor says

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent The break-up of traditional communities in London has made the capital a hostile and isolated place to live in, Professor Peter Willmott, codirector of the Institute of Community Studies, said yesterday. Vandalism and crime were becoming increasingly common on housing estates, where working-class neighbours were strangers to each other.

Paris leads in cities' race, survey decides

By Our Planning Reporter London seems to have lost the will to be a great city, Paris has that will. Such is the conclusion of an extensive survey in the magazine Built Environment, which examines the achievements of the two cities in housing, transport and commercial development and finds that Paris is decisively winning the race to be the capital of Europe.

Changes in subsidies to aid hill farmers

By Hugh Clayton Agricultural Correspondent Changes in hill farm subsidies to increase cash flow were announced yesterday by Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture. They were immediately condemned by the National Farmers' Union as "utterly inadequate to deal with the current crisis."

British farm needs differ from Nine, Mr Callaghan says

By Our Political Editor In the light of Wednesday's meeting in Luxembourg of the Foreign Ministers and Agricultural Ministers of EEC, Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday: "I doubt if the Common Agricultural Policy will ever be the same again."



Mr Heath and Mr Carr at yesterday's Conservative press conference.

Homes offer aimed at floating voters

By John Young Mrs Thatcher's recent pledge to introduce 9 1/2 per cent mortgages by Christmas if the Conservatives are elected, might seem at first glance to have restored the housing issue to the forefront of the election campaign.

Mr Wilson predicts a mild Budget

By George Clark Political Correspondent The tradition that no politician, not even a Prime Minister, should forecast a future Budget, was ignored by Mr Wilson yesterday when he gave a strong hint that Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, would not introduce a deflationary Budget if Labour is returned to office.

Food prices rising at rate of 16pc, 'Grocer' says

By Hugh Clayton Food prices have risen at a rate of 16.84 per cent over the past 12 months, the publishers of The Grocer said yesterday. They were replying to a claim this week from Mr Pym, Opposition spokesman on agriculture, that the index published in the journal showed prices to be rising at an annual rate of more than 25 per cent.

Man 'put poison in former wife's milk'

Edward James Elmer, aged 58, who was said to have put poison in his former wife's milk, was sentenced at Winchester Crown Court yesterday to 15 months' imprisonment.

Bishop fined

The Bishop of Ely, the Rt Rev Edward Roberts, was fined £30 by magistrates at Windsor, Berkshire, yesterday, for careless driving. His car was said to have struck a woman on a pedestrian crossing in Windsor.

Mr Heath urges voters to face up to reality

By John Winder The electors must not be allowed to hide their heads in the sand, Mr Heath told Conservative Party workers in Ilford yesterday.

Benn promise of change for Scotland

From David Leigh Glasgow Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, told Govan shipbuilders yesterday that Labour's new industrial policy which would change Scotland, had been born during the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders work-in.

Swing to Labour

A strong swing to Labour among academics is shown by NOP in a poll published today in The Times Higher Education Supplement. There are also reviews of books on British conservatism, and an interview with Professor William Craigmiles, the new vice-chancellor of Stirling University.

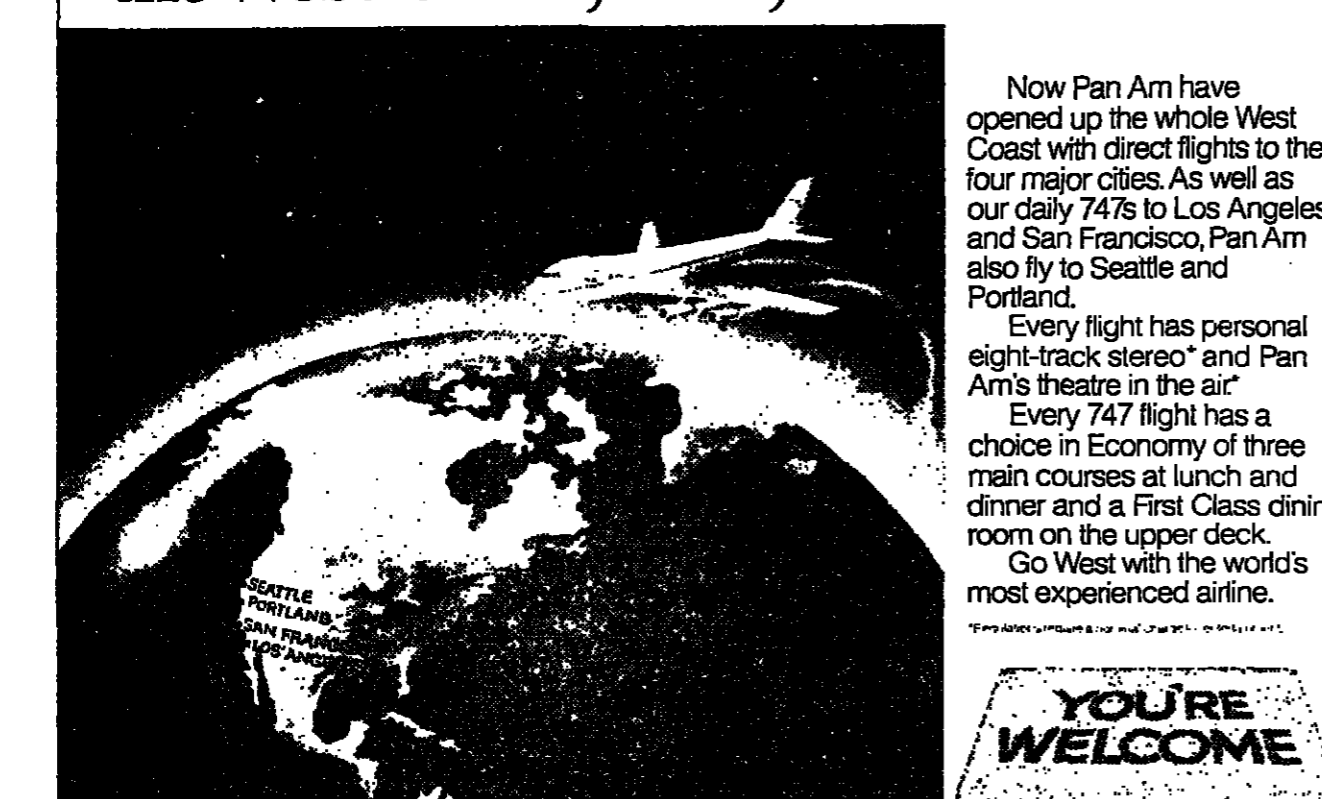
Tories' first task for national unity forum

Continued from page 1 Nevertheless, Mr Heath's statement yesterday sounded like an admission that he has to put more flesh on to the theme of national unity to make it telling.

Mr Heath. They would take place not only in London but also in Cardiff, Edinburgh and the regional centres of England. Here Mr Heath was developing ideas that came to be of importance to senior members of his Cabinet between 1970 and 1974.

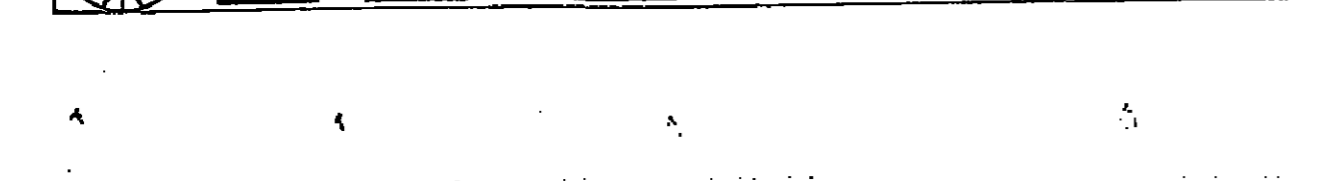
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GENERAL ELECTION

Fight for the 39 vital marginals: Part 11

Liverpool, Garston

Description
This constituency of more than 80,000 electors (the figure rose by nearly 5,000 between the 1970 and February, 1974, contest) contains a fairly complete cross-section.

Inland are the recently-built tower blocks of the Netherley estate, whose inhabitants, moved in from city centre areas, probably did much to swing the vote to Labour in February; near the banks of the Mersey is the older housing estate of Speke, bordering on a part of dockland and the Halewood car factory; and in between there is much upper and middle class housing.

The loss of the seat in February was the worst of many recent blows to Conservative pride in Liverpool. It had been held with a 7,000 majority, and was regarded as one of the two absolute strongholds in a city where the party's influence has been steadily eroded since traditional religious voting patterns ceased to apply in the early 1960s.

The loss of Garston was attributed by the Conservatives to the withdrawal of the sitting MP, Mr Tim Fortescue, at the beginning of the February campaign, to the presence of a Liberal who polled nearly 10,000 votes, and to the working-class influx.

Assessment
The Conservatives are putting maximum effort into regaining the seat and have selected a new man, Mr David Stanley, who seems to have a knack of setting on with all sorts and conditions of people. Like most candidates in the North-west of England he is encountering a high proportion of people who have still not made up their minds.

He thinks he may win back a substantial number of former Conservatives who wavered to Liberal in February, but who then found that the division had returned Mr Edward Loyden a left-wing Labour MP.

Mr Loyden obviously has a strong following and has proved himself to be an energetic constituency worker. He is highly popular with the dockers and other waterfront workers, and is fighting for council tenants who, he believes, have paid £1.5m too much in rents because of a failure to honour an earlier fair rents promise.

Mr Geoffrey Black, the Liberal, believes that he is making a greater impact on the crucial Netherley housing estate than Mr Stanley, and says he is encountering a high proportion of traditional Labour supporters who now class themselves as "don't knows". He thinks his party organization has improved markedly since February, the first time the modern Liberal Party seriously campaigned in Liverpool.

February result	
Electorate 80,103	
Loyden, E. (Lab)	25,332
Leville, N. (C)	24,651
Black, G. (L)	9,834
Lab majority	681

Labour
Edward Loyden (52) was a motor launch skipper for the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company. President of Liverpool Trades Council since 1966. Member of Liverpool City Council since 1960. Sits on Merseyside County Council and Liverpool City (District) Council. Member of district and national committees of the Docks and Waterways section of Transport and General Workers' Union.

Conservative
David Stanley (43), a personnel and training officer with Imperial Chemical Industries in Cheshire. Has unsuccessfully fought Newton, Manchester, Blackley, and Widnes in a by-election. Married with three children. Major in the Royal Marines Volunteer Reserve, Birkenhead. Served in a territorial battalion of the Parachute Regiment.

Liberal
Geoffrey Black (25), chartered accountant, educated at Quarry Bank School, of which he is now a governor. Joined the Liberal Party in 1967. Chairman of Garston Constituency Association and treasurer of Liverpool Liberal Association. Married.

Bristol, North-West

Description
Bristol, North-West, runs from the mouth of the river Avon to the edge of Clifton Downs, taking in a good deal of the urban sprawl of greater Bristol, and has all the classic features of a marginal seat.

It consists of docks and industry, large council estates and large stretches of suburbia, of both the pleasant and the unremarkable type. The inhabitants are people working in the docks, the businesses and factories of central Bristol and in the aircraft industry centred on the British Aircraft Corporation works and the Rolls-Royce aero engine factory. A balance is struck between blue and white-collar workers.

The docks at Avonmouth are owned by the city and are an important port for tea, grain, newsprint and animal and human foodstuffs. To augment the docks the corporation is building the mighty West Dock opening in 1976, at a cost of £21m. This is a considerable act of faith.

In contrast to the big estates and council properties there is a strong middle-class element in districts such as Westbury and Stoke Bishop, and, as in any suburban area, a large number of people with mortgages on their minds.

Assessment
The constituency was a marginal long before the Liberals came along and made the situation more interesting and, for the other parties, more difficult.

Mr Martin McLaren, who won for the Conservatives in 1959 lost to Labour by 669 votes in 1966, and regained the seat in 1970 by 1,049. In that election the Liberals cornered only 6.5 per cent of the poll, but last February they had a fifth—an advance from 3,000 to 12,000—and Mr McLaren finished 650 ahead of his Labour opponent, Mr Ronald Thomas.

The organization and strength of the local Liberal Party has improved enormously over the past two years. This time the party is using caravans and travelling campaign offices to help in spreading the moderate word in all corners of this inconveniently straggling constituency.

Many in the other parties maintain that the Liberals reached their peak in February. The Liberals, however, are satisfied that they are capturing supporters in considerable numbers from both the Tory and Labour parties and reckon they have made this marginal genuinely three-party.

The impression that observers glean from uncertain voters, and there are many of them, is that Liberal ideas are now being considered more seriously than in the last election.

Housing is an important issue and candidates are getting a lot of questions about mortgages and rents.

February result	
Electorate 65,697	
McLaren, M. (C)	21,569
Thomas, R. R. (Lab)	20,919
David, E. (L)	11,312
Wetherall, T. (Ind)	440
C majority	650

Conservative
Martin McLaren (60), barrister and company director, educated at Eton, Cambridge and Harvard. Was parliamentary private secretary to Sir Alec Douglas-Home for four years and to Sir Alec Douglas-Home from 1964 to 1966. Held an Opposition whip from 1964 to 1966. Held seat from 1959-66 and won it back from Labour from 1970.

Labour
Ronald Thomas (45), senior lecturer in extramural studies department of Bristol University, specializing in study of industrial relations. Member of Bristol Trades Council, has helped Bristol aircraft workers draw up a plan for worker-ownership of the Concorde factory. Educated at Ruskin and Balliol.

Liberal
Edward David (30), lecturer at Bristol University, teaching politics. Educated at the University of Wales and Cambridge and has written on Liberal Party history.



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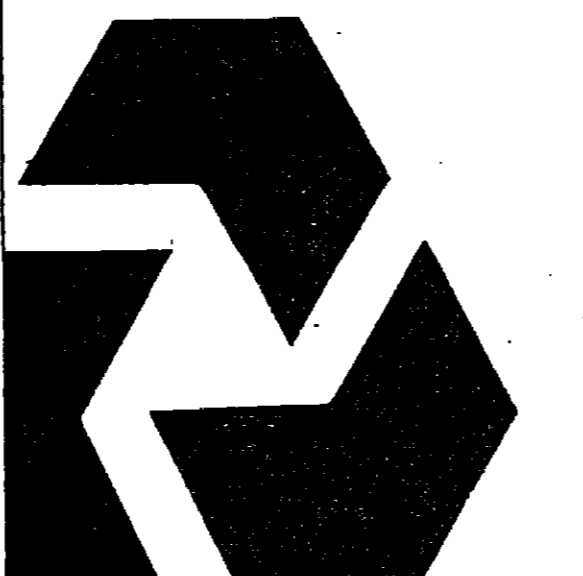
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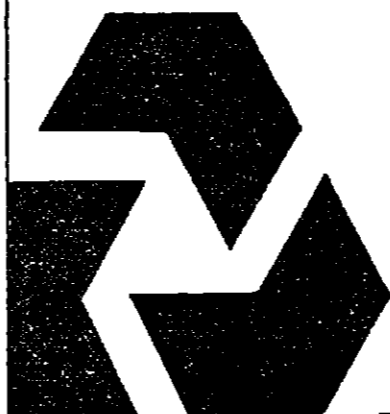
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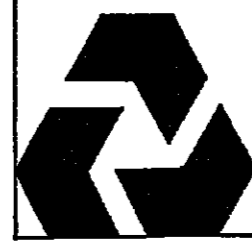
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GENERAL ELECTION

Mr Thorpe lands by tractor light after councils bar helicopter

By Christopher Walker
The flamboyant helicopter campaigning of Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, ran into fresh difficulties last night. After repeated delays he was forced to land at Barnstaple in a field illuminated by the lights of tractors driven in by neighbouring farmers.

campaign, Liberal Party strategists have been anxious to convince the electorate that it would not lead to another damaging confrontation with the unions.
Mr Thorpe chose a blustery seafront at Cowes to point out that although the Labour Government regarded pay controls as a major cause of industrial unrest, statistics showed that their abolition had not had the desired effect.

The Minister who offers uncompromising idealism to doubting voters
Justice and honesty are the Jenkins keynotes

By Peter Evans
There was a genuine confession at Mr Roy Jenkins's Horsham meeting last week. A young woman teacher rose with shining eyes to proclaim: "I am happier about politics, having attended here tonight."
She praised the Home Secretary's idealism, blamed the media for encouraging cynicism and told me afterwards that she had voted Liberal last time.



Mr Jenkins chatting to Mr Rhaajan Singh while campaigning for Dr Shirley Summerskill in Halifax. Dr Summerskill held the constituency for Labour in February by 3,003 votes.

There are jocular attempts to bring him down to the level of ordinary folk. One bold old lady showed him a naughty seaside postcard. He smiled: "You'll get me arrested."
Another woman, suddenly confronted by him, said: "Oh, my God."
His concern about the welfare of ordinary people is sincere, as he fingers broken roller skates in a bleak, upstairs hall, wondering about facilities for children in the poorer end of his constituency.

One man asked tougher questions about his attitude to Europe than he will ever face at a press conference: "Why don't you resign now?—It will be a Cabinet decision."
Two thirds of people are against being in Europe.—You wouldn't wish me to support something I don't believe in.
It is from the platform that Mr Jenkins carries most conviction. In his final peroration Mr Jenkins refers to the Labour Party's reform approach and conscience.

Mr Powell's new hint on voting Labour

From Christopher Warman Bristol
Mr Enoch Powell last night returned to his well-worn theme on the EEC where he left it at the February general election and put the full weight of his support behind the return of a Labour government.

He declared in Bristol that if the Conservatives won the election the question of membership would be considered closed, whereas a Labour government was committed to submit the matter to the people through the ballot box.
He added, extending the argument he put forward in February, that the decision would be binding only for the lifetime of the Parliament in which it was made.

Cabinet pressed on defence cuts

By Our Political Correspondent
The Government's determination to cut defence expenditure was reaffirmed by Mr Wilson and Mr Mason, the Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday but insisted that no decision had yet been reached between the various choices that had been presented by the Defence Department.

several hundred million pounds over a period, that is a minimum of five, possibly ten years, to bring us in line with our major European partners."
Conservative candidates continued to press for some definite news. They said the Government had possessed all the information it needed for several months, and that the announcement of a decision had been delayed for electoral considerations.

The Conservatives said that although the dockyards might not be closed, a considerable rundown in the amount of work was inevitable if the Government carried out its promise.
Mr Carr, Conservative shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, indicated clearly at the Conservative Party's press conference in London that, if the Tories were returned to power, there would be a stringent examination of all public expenditure.

Nationalists confident of breaking thin blue line of rural Scotland

By Ronald Faux
There is a large rural wedge of Scotland stretching from the Trossachs north of Glasgow through to St Andrews and Aberdeen where Scottish National Party candidates came second in February. It is solidly Conservative territory with majorities ranging from 5,343 in Angus, South, to Sir John Gilmour's stout barricade of 12,579 in Fife, East.

chest: "What happens when you get in Will it not be like Russia, a one-party state?"
"Not at all," Mr Crawford reassures. "Once there is a Scottish parliament we will be there on the hustings with the rest of them and the best man will win."
"Honest?" the pensioner asks. "Honest," Mr Crawford replies. The baker adds: "Give us a try. It canna be worse than the last lot." That's true, the woman remarks, closing the door.



Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, QC, following Sir Alec.

Liberals in Fife, East have a history of protest since the Labour vote collapsed in February when the party entered a coloured Glasgow councillor. The campaign is dominated by the prospect that the SNP could achieve real credibility within the conservative seclusion of the constituency.

The odd place out is Aberdeen, North where Labour is 11,856 votes ahead of the nationalists. At the last election the SNP raised its share of the vote from 8.4 to 23.3 per cent. It may have been "protest wrapped in tartan emotion", as Mr William Ross recently described a vote for nationalism, but it has been enough to make Mr Robert Hughes the MP for four years, distinctly uneasy.

The argument about naval dockyards also continued, with Mr Wilson repeating his assurance that none would be closed.

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Our leaders must recognise, in actions as well as words, that all of us—whatever our faith, language, colour, nationality—have need of each other: that we depend on even the poorest among us, and need them as partners, as much as they depend on us.
Barriers of wealth and poverty will not be demolished by a few more coins in the wishing-well. To accomplish that, while there's still time, demands from every one of us a far greater contribution and commitment than ever before to the welfare of our fellow men.

Others put Labour's agricultural policies beyond forgiveness but blame the last Conservative government for knocking the legs from the industry by removing base prices.

In Angus, North, and Mearns the political temperature is believably there is no longer a keen demand for a third party vote and that there are no controversial issues to stir people into a mood for change.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Opposition spokesman for Scotland, faces a new nationalist candidate who lies more than 7,000 votes behind. Nobody among the Tories is being complacent, however, even with such formidable majorities as that held by Sir John Gilmour in Fife, East. The Conservative campaigns are matching stout defence against sharp nationalist attack.

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Teachers need 30pc rise, Mr St John-Stevas says

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent
Teachers' salaries will have to be anything up to 30 per cent, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Conservative spokesman on education, said on BBC radio's Election Call yesterday. Teachers were extremely lowly paid.

Houghton recommendations, subject to their approval by the Burnham Committee.
In Cambridge last night Mr St John-Stevas promised that a Conservative government would abolish the means test for married women students who were now to be given grants depending on the level of their husbands' incomes. He would give priority to reducing parents' contribution towards the grant. NUS advice: Mr John Randall, president of the National Union of Students, said at Sheffield University yesterday that the Liberals were "political vagrants". (David Hencke of the Times Higher Education Supplement writes.)

Poll shows further gains for SNP candidates

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SNP stood at 23 per cent among continued voters. This suggested that there had been no substantial change in support for the party since the last election, when the nationalists won 21.9 per cent of the votes cast in Scotland. But after a week's campaigning support for the nationalists has moved up from 23 to 28 per cent, taking Scotland to the threshold of a potentially major upheaval in the country's political system.

The increase in support for the SNP appears to be the result of defections from both Labour and Conservative ranks. At 11 per cent support for the Liberals remains virtually unchanged.
The survey was based on a representative quota sample of 670 Scottish electors interviewed in 33 constituencies between September 26 and 29. All figures in the accompanying table are in percentages.

Both the Conservative and Labour parties have made special efforts during the summer to identify supporters eligible to claim a postal ballot.
The Conservatives gain an advantage from the postal vote, because the party has more full-time agents than Labour to help individuals claiming an absentee ballot. Moreover, middle-class voters are more accustomed to filling out forms, and are thus more likely to claim a postal vote.

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Increase in postal votes may help the Tories

By Professor Richard Rose
The increase in the number of people voting by post in this election could win the Conservatives a half dozen or more seats.

Party calls for second police force in Ulster

The Alliance Party, the non-sectarian group which shared power in the former Northern Ireland executive and which is contesting five seats in Ulster, has called in its manifesto published yesterday for a second police force in the province.
The party concentrates on law and order and its leader, Mr Oliver Napier, said yesterday that the key to the defeat of the Provisional IRA and to the gangs of sectarian murderers in Belfast, was effective policing in areas Alliance also reiterated its determination to see an end to internment without trial.

Heckler tries to drag Mr Foot off platform

A man tried to drag Mr Michael Foot, the Employment Secretary, from a makeshift platform at an open-air meeting at Colwyn Bay yesterday. Party officials and the local candidates, including Mr Foot, said the man released his hold.

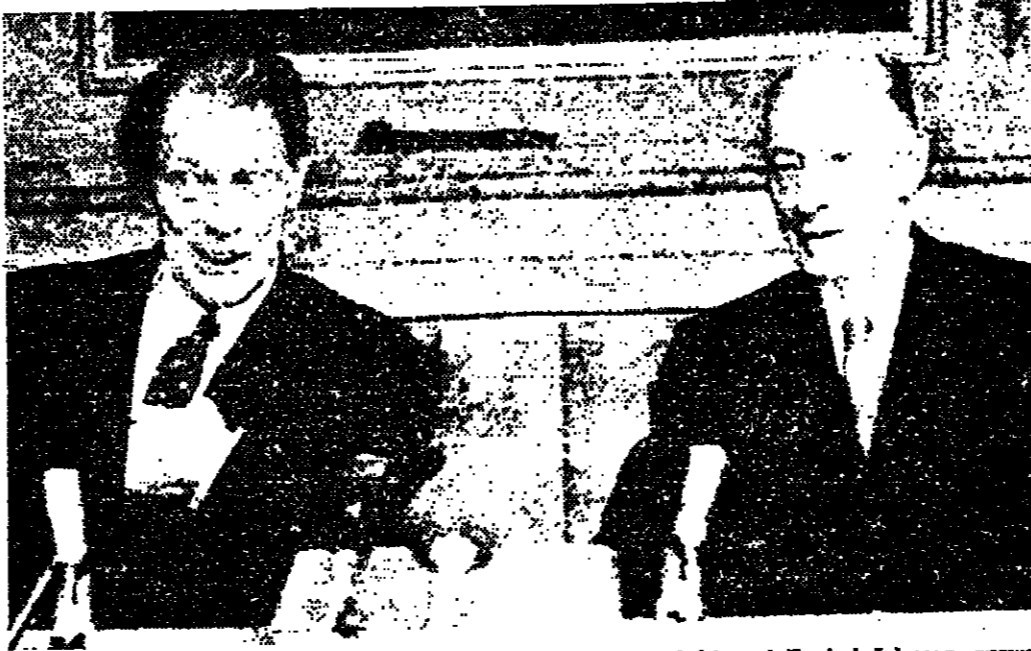
WEST EUROPE

EEC Council of Ministers releases \$150m emergency aid to poor nations affected by oil price rises

From Roger Berthoud Luxembourg, Oct 3 After months of legalistic discussions, the EEC's Council of Ministers finally agreed today to release \$150m (£63m) of emergency aid from Community funds for the 25 developing countries worst hit by the fourfold rise in oil prices. Of this, \$120m will be given directly to the affected countries by the Community and \$30m will pass to the United Nations special fund. A supplementary Community budget will be required, since increased agricultural costs have absorbed the expected EEC budget surplus for 1974. The West Germans and French finally appeared satisfied today that the EEC's promised total of \$500m to the United Nations' fund would be adequately matched by other industrialized nations and the oil-producing countries. The absence of any firm undertaking from the United States was deplored by several delegations. The British and Dutch had been the strongest supporters of the European Commission's proposal that an initial payment of at least \$150m should be made available as soon as possible. Mrs Judith Hart, the British delegate, and Mr Frank de Holland, had emphasized the rapidly deteriorating

situation in countries like Bangladesh, India and Ceylon. But the West Germans, despite their own massive trade surplus, felt strongly that the conditions laid down by the Nite should first be fulfilled. These were that the oil producing (Opec) countries should eventually contribute \$1,500m and other industrialized countries, like the United States and Japan, a further \$1,000m, giving a total of \$3,000m. Meeting at last week's United Nations General Assembly session, representatives of the nine established that the Opec countries had already pledged \$1,076m, and other industrialized countries had promised \$350m so far. The French were more reluctant to unblock the \$150m today than the Germans. M Pierre Abelin pointed out that the Americans (whose aid Bill for July, 1974, to July, 1975, is held up in Congress) had not yet shown their hand. But M Francois-Xavier Ortoli, the president of the Commission, with unusual tartness pointed out that the EEC could not make its own identity if it moved by the United States. According to American officials here, the United States' normal aid to the 25 countries concerned totalled \$1,000m in the fiscal year ending in July,

1974. President Ford has indicated that this will be increased and that supplementary food aid will be given. A Staff Reporter writes: Mrs Hart, the Minister of Overseas Development, welcomed the decision while campaigning in her constituency of Lanark. She said: "It is a decision I have fought to achieve since July, and I am glad that what some of us then strove to bring about has now been decided unanimously. I have made it clear that if the decision taken today had gone the other way, Britain would make its contribution to the United Nations emergency operation bilaterally. "I felt that the conditions originally imposed upon the Community contribution should not delay the flow of help to the desperately poor countries, the hardest hit by the crisis in oil prices, and I was not prepared to have Britain wait any longer." Mrs Hart said that she would have preferred a larger contribution at this time than the \$150m, "but the fact that we have brought the Community along with our view means that the developing countries will get more in total than if we had gone ahead almost alone." The British share of the Community action will bring the total British contribution to the emergency operation so far to £27m.



Sweden's Nobel literature prize winners, Harry Martinson (left) and Eyvind Johnson, answer press questions in Stockholm yesterday.

Two Swedes to share Nobel Prize

From Our Correspondent Stockholm, Oct 3 The Swedish Academy today awarded the 1974 Nobel Prize for Literature to two of its own members, Harry Martinson, a poet, and Eyvind Johnson, a novelist. It is the first time for 23 years that the Academy has selected Swedish writers. The citation for Mr Martinson, who is 70, said that his writings "catch the dewdrop and reflect the cosmos". The narrative art of Mr Johnson, who

is 74, was praised for being "in the service of freedom". Neither of the writers was present at the Academy session today which selected them. The Swedish press reported some days ago that they would share the \$53,000 award. They will receive the Nobel medallions and diplomas from King Carl XVI Gustaf at the awards ceremony on December 10. Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the exiled Russian novelist, will receive his 1970 Prize for Literature at the same ceremony. Mr Martinson and Mr Johnson are largely self-educated men of working class background. A number of their works have been translated into English. Mr Martinson, orphaned when he was six, was at one time a ship's stoker and a wan-

derer. He recorded his travels in books such as *Cape Farogell*, written in what was, in its English translation, acclaimed as a highly individual, richly associative style. *Aniara*, his best known narrative poem, consisting of 108 cantos, describes a huge spaceship on an irreversible journey into black cosmos. It is said to depict the poet's growing estrangement with post-industrial society. "The age of the machine-gun does not make any bird happy", he wrote. Swedish critics compare his style to Strindberg's. Mr Johnson, the son of an impoverished railway worker, described this harsh background in the first of his great works, *Här har du ditt liv* (Here is Your Life). It is not available in English. Leading article, page 17

Intrigues sealed fate of Rumor Cabinet

From Peter Nichols Rome, Oct 3 The politicians have only themselves to blame for the obscurity surrounding the collapse of an administration which has left Italy looking for its thirty-seventh government since the fall of fascism. One of Signor Rumor's final difficulties was that allegations about recent attempts at coups contained in secret service reports became public knowledge after Signor Andreotti, the Minister of Defence, handed over these reports to the Rome public prosecutor without informing his Cabinet colleagues. Signor Andreotti denies any double-dealing in his action, claiming that it followed a consistent (if somewhat recent) policy of providing the judges with information from the extreme right with all the help they required from the secret service. But he has certainly not convinced the political commentators who are busily seeking more colourful explanations in the field of political intrigue and blackmail. Totally innocent though he may be, the minister hardly added to the role of honest broker by an interview this morning in *L'Espresso*, the Rome political weekly, in which he speaks about the personal shortcomings of his own party secretary, Senator Fanfani, whom he chides for using bad language and describes as "in decline". He says he is supporting his party secretary only because "the others, especially those of the so-called third generation of Christian Democrats, are much worse than him". The same issue of *L'Espresso* also includes an article on the secret service reports, including the assertion that two of the members of the public prosecutor's staff who were informed about the reports were regularly paid by the secret service. The two officials have today announced their intention to take legal action. In a statement, the public prosecutor's office denied that the dossiers contained a list of politicians, industrialists and members of the forces who had been paid for working for the secret service. There was also a denial that the dossiers contained information about an alleged coup in January and an assertion to the effect that "no definite subversive action had taken place in August". The second note of intrigue had been struck by Signor Tanassi, the Minister of Finance and chairman of the Social Democratic Party, in his speech on Monday night which sealed the Government's fate. He pronounced the coalition dead and called for a dissolution of the Parliament. The interpretations placed on his unexpected action vary from suggestions of American prompting to fears that his party was being pushed to the sidelines in the dominating row between the principal members of the coalition, the Christian Democrats and the Socialists. There have also been suggestions that Signor Tanassi was working in the interests of an ill-defined "moderate" group drawn from several parties anxious to press the country into early elections on the communist issue, and emerge with a generally conservative majority. Inherent in the idea of the "communist question", is the issue of the Socialist presence in the coalition. Some sections of conservative opinion apparently take it for granted that the Socialists cannot overcome their divided loyalties when the Government has to deal with the unions and that the economic difficulties can best be overcome by offering the trade unions no encouragement in the field of political intrigue and blackmail. It must be added that strongly anti-communist statements by Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, reported here while President Leone was in the United States helped reinforce this thinking. And it has not been overlooked that Signor Tanassi's anger was precisely aimed at the Socialists. President Leone will now almost certainly have to find a new Prime Minister. Signor Rumor today sounded too discouraged to continue efforts at re-fashioning a coalition. If the shift right implicit in Signor Tanassi's move is followed through, then a Prime Minister would have to be found who would be willing to try to impose a stronger line and challenge the two left-wing parties, the Socialists and the Communists. Among the Christian Democrats likely to accept such a task, the two most frequently mentioned are Signor Flaminio Piccoli, leader of the Christian Democrat parliamentary party in the Chamber, and Signor Paolo Taviani, the Minister of the Interior. Presumably efforts will also be made to revive a centre-left coalition similar to the outgoing one and possibly with some sort of working arrangement with the Communists. One of the candidates for Prime Minister in this case, it is said, would be Signor Andreotti, whose denunciations of extreme right-wing subversion could be seen in this light.

Feminist leans heavily on male support

From Richard Wigg Paris, Oct 3 Mme Françoise Giroud, Secretary of State for Women's Affairs, went on French television last night to explain to millions of women viewers the new strategy she proposes to make them full and equal partners in what is now a male-dominated society. But a searching 90-minute programme in which more than 20 women presented her with their problems quickly disclosed the difficulties facing the former editor of *L'Espresso*, the news weekly. The cases presented covered the gamut of the "female problem", from a divorced mother of two small children not receiving alimony through all kinds of job discrimination to French-style Women's Lib militants trying to embarrass her. What the programme served as underline was that Mme Giroud's success or failure will depend above all on the sup-

port she obtains from the Ministers of Labour, Finance, Industry, Health and Education, all males, and from the President. Her responsibilities range over all their territories and she will need all the conventional women's qualities of diplomacy and persuasion to get the bureaucrats on her side. Mme Giroud is perhaps the member of the Government who has taken most to heart that aspect of the President's recommended strategy—to seek to change customs and ways of thinking. Yet last night on television the actual measures she presented proved rather small-scale. From next January widows and those divorced women under 55 seeking a job for the first time will be able to draw six months' "tidying over" assistance. Widows will be able to draw half their late husbands' pensions as well as their own and not as now choose between the two.

Chilly Elysee puts strain on sang-froid

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Oct 3 President Giscard d'Estaing and his two guests at lunch today, M Chirac, the Prime Minister, and M Poniatowski, the Minister of the Interior, all retreated to the library in the Elysee Palace where a log fire was burning after finding the dining room just too cold. To set an example in combating the energy crisis, the President has ruled that there will be no central heating in the Elysee until October 15, regardless of the temperatures and Paris has been experiencing unseasonably cold weather these last days. The staff has been allowed to sport warmer though less elegant attire, including polonecked pullovers and South American ponchos. At the Ministry of Health, staff threatened to strike if the heating was not put on.

Sunday labour for new Portugal

From Jose Shercliffe Lisbon, Oct 3 Portuguese workers are turning Sunday into a working day for the benefit of the country. Brigadier Vasco Gonçalves, the Prime Minister, has urged them to show their willingness to pull their weight in rebuilding Portugal. Hundreds of firms and public enterprises have given their support to "Labour Sunday". Workers who cannot get to their factories because of Sunday transport restrictions have been urged to join the local town council squads in cleaning up roads and public monuments. One of the less agreeable facets of freedom in Portugal is the large amount of political graffiti defacing the walls of buildings and monuments.

Newspapers usually not published on Sundays will appear, and the Portuguese Episcopate has given Roman Catholics a dispensation to break the Sunday rest and join the nationwide celebrations of the "victory over reactionary forces". The victory was achieved last Saturday, when the then President Spínola was persuaded to call off a right-wing demonstration in his favour. The workers' "Labour Sunday" comes immediately after the celebration on Saturday of the sixty-fourth anniversary of the establishment of the republic in Portugal. The Portuguese press today reported a raid by agents of the special military security police on the headquarters of the Progressive Party, where considerable stocks of arms

were said to have been found. These included home-made bombs, 5,000 hand grenades, 2,000 rifles and dozens of steel helmets. The party is alleged to have had links with other right-wing groups. Beira, Oct 3.—More than 12,000 Portuguese soldiers will be flown back to Portugal from Mozambique during the next few months, with only a token force remaining in the territory next year, it was announced here today. Before the official end of hostilities last month with the Mozambique Liberation Front, Portugal had 60,000 troops in Mozambique. About 40,000 of the troops were Africans, with many local recruits among the 20,000 Portuguese.—Reuter. Leading article, page 17

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Golf
A tired Baiocchi heads for home with a pack in close pursuit

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent
Hugh Baiocchi, a soft-spoken South African in need of a good finish before returning home next week, took over the lead at the halfway stage of the Dunlop Masters tournament at St Pierre Club yesterday with a 66, within a stroke of a lead a fortnight for the rest of the field.

Baiocchi has been having a lean year, although nineteenth position in the Order of Merit suggests that he has not been as lean as all that. But it was not until he scored a final 69 in the Willis tournament a fortnight ago that he began to feel his way back to form.

Baiocchi is in a hole, but he is not alone. He has been dogged by double-bogies. He is lacking concentration arising perhaps from mental fatigue. This also explained three putts from 25 feet at the 10th, on greens that deserved something better.

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8 430 4 17 345 3
9 324 35 18 348 36

Molina leads United States PGA qualifying event

North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Oct. 2.—Florentino Molina, the Argentine open champion, had a one-over-par 73 today to take the lead on 147 in a tournament for the United States PGA qualifying school.

After Scotland beat them 44-3 and exposed their limitations in set piece rugby, the Tongans have given top priority to strengthening their limited ball winning capabilities.

The leading Australian rugby club, Gordon, continue their world tour with a match against Wasps at Sudbury on Sunday (3.0).

Ice skating
Britain's splendid start with three wins
By Dennis Bird
British skaters made a fine start in the Prestige Cup Awards in international competition at Stratfordham ice rink yesterday afternoon.

The principal challenge to the British skaters came from Hungary in the international category. The and Kristina Reguly from Budapest gained their highest total marks, appropriately enough, in the Killan.

Football
Sexton is pushed off the tightrope

By Norman Fox
Dave Sexton, the Chelsea manager, was yesterday ousted by the board of the club and replaced by Brian Mears.

Mr Sexton said: "I'm very sad, but I have no complaints. It's a blow to my pride, but it was in the best interests of the club, and that's all right by me. If I had my way, I would have stayed on until I was 60. But managers are always on a tightrope and you might fall off if you don't get the proper results."

Chelsea's directors met yesterday afternoon and shortly afterwards it was announced that Mr Sexton had been relieved of his contract, which had two years to run, and his assistant, Ron Suart, would become caretaker manager.

Three points for a win, urges Robson
Bobby Robson, the manager of Ipswich Town, writing in League Football, the official journal of the Football League, calls for a radical change in the way points are awarded.

Scores after second round
129: D. Baiocchi (SA), 73, 66.
130: D. Jagger (Mount Irvine Bay), 72, 68.
131: J. C. Coles (Holiday Inn), 72, 68.
132: J. C. Coles (Holiday Inn), 72, 68.

Financial crisis at Notts County
The main priority of Notts County was to stay alive, stressed the second division club's chairman, Mr Jack Dunnett, at last night's annual meeting.

European Cup
FIRST ROUND: Second leg: Ipswich (England) 2-1 Lokeren (Belgium). Ipswich won 7-2 on aggregate.

Newcastle drawn to play Birmingham
The draw for the semi-final round of the Football League Cup yesterday paired Oldham Athletic with Southampton, and Newcastle United with Birmingham City.

Boxing
Monzon will put off retirement to meet Conteh
Buenos Aires, Oct. 3.—The world middleweight boxing champion, Carlos Monzon, of Argentina, said today he would like to have a crack at the light-heavyweight world title which John Conteh, of Britain, won on Tuesday in London against Jorge Ahumada, of Argentina.

Baseball
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Motor racing
Contender No 3 has stiffest task of all

From John Blunden
New York, Oct. 3

The stage has been set for the grand finale to what has proved to be the closest season in the 25-year history of the motor racing championship. The drivers' championship has remained undecided until the final race on several previous occasions, notably in 1953, when the late Mike Hawthorn screamed home in front of Stirling Moss, and in 1962, when the issue was between Graham Hill and Jim Clark, and Hill became the victor after he had pulled out of Clark's engine.

But in those days, the championship was run over a shorter season of only nine or 10 races, this year there will have been 15, with Sunday's United States grand prix at Watkins Glen the all-important final round. Level-paraging at the top of the table with 52 points each, Emerson Fittipaldi and Clay Regazzoni have had, perhaps, more time than they would have wished to prepare for the decisive race.

Today's fixtures
THIRD DIVISION: Tranmere Rovers v Halifax Town (7.30).
FOURTH DIVISION: Cambridge United v Southport (7.30); Stockport County v Rochdale (7.30).

Charge of British Light Brigade

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent
The football invasion of Europe by clubs from the British Isles had its own Light Brigade on Wednesday.

Yesterday's results
EUROPEAN CUP: First round, second leg: Ipswich (England) 2-1 Lokeren (Belgium). Ipswich won 7-2 on aggregate.

European results in three competitions
City of Ferencvaros (Hungary) 4-1 Real Madrid (Spain); FC Bayern (Germany) 3-0 Borussia Dortmund (Germany); FC Barcelona (Spain) 2-1 FC Porto (Portugal).

Squash rackets
Squash Club Cup: First division: Ray Blandford (England) 3-0 Steve Pym (England); Steve Pym (England) 3-0 Ray Blandford (England).

Boxing
Welterweight world champion, Tony Munroe, beat Ramiro Balboa (Ecuador), 10 rounds.

Ice hockey
MOSCOW: USSR beat Canada.

When Hunt speaks you know it makes good sense
The leading exponent of Britain's 'in' game preaches that he practises in the best book of his kind ever written
By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent
Character is an essential if overlooked component of talent. Pushing basic ability to its limit demands a work ethic and a concentration; a conscientious, strenuous effort on and off court. In competitive tennis and squash rackets, players with these qualities (for example, Ann Haydon-Jones and Jonab Barrington) have often risen to and sometimes beyond the level of opponents with greater gifts as athletes and strikers of a moving ball. The best drivers do not always sit at the wheels of the best cars.

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Piggott will move to Mississippian if Saint-Martin is fit

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Grundy next after Steel Heart recovers

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By Brough Scott Quite apart from his victory in the Middle Park Stakes, the afternoon belonged to Lester Piggott.

Mottram gives up post as national coach

Britain no longer have a national tennis coach. Tony Mottram's contract with the Lawn Tennis Association...

South Africa ahead after first day

Johannesburg, Oct. 3.—South Africa held a 1-0 lead after the first day's play against Italy in their Davis Cup semi-final here today.

215 NORTH LANCASHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £684: 1m 40yd)

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2.0 OKEFORD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £204: 2m)

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2.45 (2-5) TADCASTER STAKES (3-3-0: £254: 1m)

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Show jumping Can afford winter comfort

By Pamela Macgregor Morris Harvey Smith, who lives in an exposed farmhouse on one of the highest points of the Cotswolds...

2.45 ALTRINCHAM PLATE (2-y-o: £828: 5f)

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3.45 (3-48) HUDDERSFIELD HANDICAP (1000: 1m)

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Yearling sales Small filly attracts biggest price

The top price at the Newmarket October yearling sales yesterday was 10,000 guineas for a sister to the top-selling filly...

4.45 KNUTTS STAKES (1924: 1m 131yd)

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4.0 NEWLANDS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £374: 2m 5f)

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4.30 ORCHARD BURLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £204: 2m)

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How the student vote could cause an upset in the election result

More than a quarter of a million students will be back at university on election day, as well as 80,000 full time and sandwich course students at the 30 polytechnics in England and Wales...

But no one can predict just how students will vote. Do they, in fact, vote any differently from anyone else? The popular view of students is that they are a radical lot of people, voting at times as their parents do, and more generally to the left...

change hands. Oxford is particularly interesting because, since

and Conservative in large numbers and voted for Plaid Cymru and the Liberals, but had had little effect on the result of the election...

Another relevant piece of research, carried out recently at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, analysed the votes of nearly 500 students at Aberystwyth at the February election...

Caroline Moorehead

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'Girl who cannot say no' to helping others



Lady Marre, who took over yesterday as chairman of the London Council of Social Service, the coordinating body for voluntary and statutory organizations in London, was described by one of her colleagues as a woman with lots of drive, but quiet drive—rather like a Rolls-Royce.

something about it, and the problems, but I'm also very excited. The major problem faced by the council and indeed by all London's social services, she believes, is the breakdown in the basic networks of communication that redevelopment has caused.

She cites the number of "grass roots" organizations that have sprung up in London in recent years as evidence that the process has already begun: "I think it's a pity, though, that these groups are usually formed as a result of conflict. It's always easier to get people together to protest about something, especially if it's a fairly limited objective, than to maintain enthusiasm for something long-term and less specific."

The appointment of Lady Marre (her husband is Sir Alan Marre, the Ombudsman) is somewhat unusual in that she has worked professionally for the Camden Council of Social Service, with responsibility mainly for citizens' advice bureaux, and during her 10 years with them has seen a good deal of change on both sides of the fence. Social workers are no longer those mythical ladies in hats, and people in general are much more aware of what is theirs by right. "The first advisory committee I worked with in 1962, consisted of a vicar's wife, a solicitor and some voluntary workers; the most recent, two years ago, consisted of local councillors, representatives of tenants' associations, immigrant groups, the local baby-sitting circle. I suppose it's a beginning of the breakdown of "them" and "us", but I wouldn't put it more strongly than that."

She gave up her job in 1972. "I'd run out of steam. I think if you stay in any job too long, you tend to assume that since you know everything back to the year dot, you're always right, and that's how you stop progressing." But Lady Marre has

not been idle since then. In April she became one of two advisers on the workings of Community Health Councils, set up under the Health Service reorganization to represent the consumer's viewpoint. It was an area in which she already had an interest since, in 1973, it became another responsibility of Ombudsman.

"We don't actually discuss it over breakfast, since I'm not able to discuss anything at that time of the day, but of course we do talk about it, since one of the council's roles is to help people complain effectively and my husband is in the complaints business. I very rarely had to refer a case to him when I was with the citizen's advice bureau, but in the end it got sorted out without him. I was rather disappointed."

Gay Search

Recognizing the effect of women at the ballot box

Psychologists as well as politicians have been neglectful, even scornful, of the role of women in elections, according to two Australian political scientists, Murray Goot and Elizabeth Reid, in a study to be released later this month. The indifference of students of voting behaviour to women is surprising, in view of the fact that there are small but persisting sex differences in party loyalties. If women only had the vote, then the Conservatives would have won two more general elections in post-war Britain. Only in 1945 and 1966 did women as well as men favour Labour, according to Gallup Poll statistics. The two social scientists are currently reviewing findings from voting studies in Britain, America and Australia to show that the party preferences of men and women differ by only a few per cent. It is only a closely contested two-party election that makes sex differences (or any one of a number of other social differences) appear decisive. Measures of political interest and concern with issues sometimes show differences of emphasis among men and women. But Goot and Reid document that these are not great enough to turn party politics into a war between the sexes. Men and women can be found together on all sides of every issue. Notwithstanding the fact that many adults grew up at a time when their mothers were still denied the vote, British voters today sometimes reflect the

dominant influence of their mothers rather than their fathers. Political scientists are accused of being "sexist scientists" because they interpret agreement in partisanship between husband and wife as evidence that the husband dictates political views to his wife. Similarly, social scientists interpret an agreement in voting like his parents as evidence of the father's influence when it could equally be the result of maternal influence. It is the stereotype of male social scientists, rather than the computer print-out from surveys of voters, that leads to a description of women as politically passive or ill informed, Goot and Reid conclude. The conclusion is documented primarily from the writings of American authors. For example, Robert Lane of Yale University is quoted as arguing that "sexual confusion" may lead a woman to the left. The Communist Party can offer such a woman a masculine role where aggression, dominance and even masculine clothes and manners are appropriate. Women should not be encouraged to participate more actively in politics, alleges Lane, because this would mean "borrowing their time and attention and capacity for relaxed play and love from their children to whom it rightfully belongs."

Another American, Abram Kardiner, has asserted that the rise in juvenile delinquency and homosexuality in America is partly due to the feminist movement and what it did to the American mother. "Women's Role in Voting Studies." Sage Professional Papers in Contemporary Political Sociology; Sage Publications, London.

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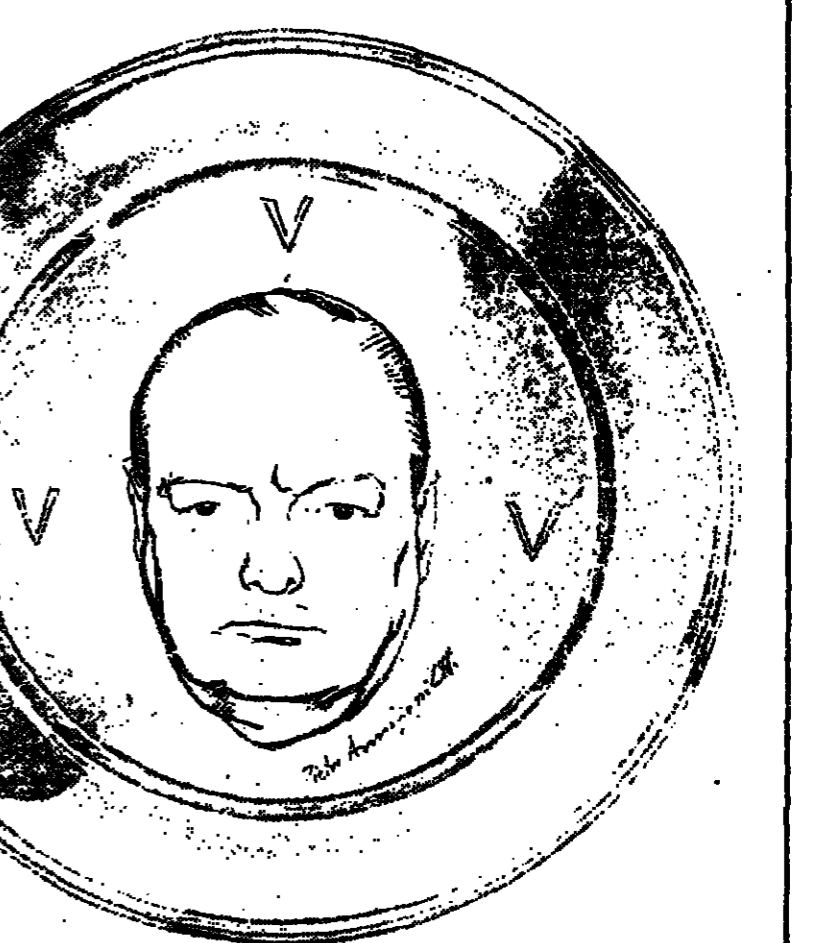
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9 1/2 PER CENT BY CHRISTMAS

Of all the percentages being bandied about, 9 1/2 is the one of real electioneering potential. This is Mrs Thatcher's "unshakable" Christmas box to everyone buying a house on a mortgage—the figure to which a Conservative government would reduce the mortgage interest rate by subsidy, and hold it there (or below) during the currency of their manifesto.

The Tories' post mortem on the February election showed that the Heath government's housing record was a significant vote loser. The loss was especially heavy among young house purchasers and couples vainly looking for something they could afford; and the Tories' loss was the Liberals' gain specially in the south of England. Central Office was not going to commit its troops to battle again without first securing that flank. Hence the 9 1/2 per cent. Everyone paying or contemplating a mortgage can readily work out exactly what it means to him. It is a good old-fashioned inducement to vote for the party of authorship, and it has got the other parties rattled.

socially virtuous than other forms of tenure. It not only taps massive private resources for housing and ensures better upkeep, it is also held to contribute to the formation of "solid citizenship" and conforms to the Conservative ideal of a property-owning society. But strong factors of financial prudence, fiscal advantage and personal preference are already at work enlarging the proportion of owner occupiers in the population. Any further deliberate shove ought to satisfy the tests of equity, accuracy of direction, and suitability to the occasion.

The Thatcher pledge is anything but suitable to the occasion. Like Mr Shore's promise to make up their losses to the Court Line victims, it encourages the belief that groups falling on hard times have only to identify themselves loudly enough and the Government will come to their financial rescue. The economic outlook is too harsh to be encountered in that frame of mind. The proposal also contradicts, and therefore causes to overbalance, the Conservative Party's general posture in this election, which is that of St George in a bar shirt on a high horse. Its leaders may show that they are aware of the gravity of the crisis, but they can hardly be thought fully to accept the consequences of their awareness if they hold out so politically discriminating an inducement.

A subsidy for home mortgages is open to the objection which Conservatives are quick to raise against general subsidies in other contexts. It relieves the plight of some people in very real difficulties, but it makes things easier for many more people with less or no claim to extra public support. Moreover the class of owner occupiers contains most of the better-paid members of the community. It is inappropriate to raise new taxes on our public expenditure, for their particular benefit. (It is equally inappropriate at this moment to add deliberately to their housing

costs, as Mr Crosland suddenly proposes to do by confining tax relief on mortgage interest payments to the standard rate of tax—the upper-salaried middle classes have been and will continue to be bludgeoned hard enough without the invention of new ways of reducing their net incomes.)

The objection must also be raised that cheaper and easier mortgages tend to send up the price of houses in a way that cancels any advantage for the first-time buyer, who is the person really in need of assistance. A rate of 9 1/2 per cent plus tax relief is certainly cheap in the area of 15-20 per cent. But weight must be allowed to Mrs Thatcher's point that there are now an unusually large number of houses up for sale for which potential buyers cannot raise the cash. If they were allowed to continue prices would come down perhaps quite sharply, as has happened in land, and that would be no bad thing. The 9 1/2 per cent scheme would mean that vendors would be more likely to get the asking price, but it might not at first push prices any higher than that.

Liberal orators are knocking Mrs Thatcher's scheme as hard as they can (and well they might), and recommending instead the fancy mortgages devised by Liberal policy makers. These are more discriminating, being intended to be of benefit to first-time buyers and owners in the early years of repayment. But they are of dubious practicality and not easy to put over from the hustings. Labour orators too are alleging political immorality and correctly insisting that Mrs Thatcher's plans do not look in the direction of those who are badly housed or homeless. It is a nice point of electoral tactics whether so much rattled outrage will cause electors to spurn the offer or merely draw their attention to all there is in it for them.

So rattled that the intelligent Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, seized at first on just about the only thing that cannot be said against it. It's a lie, he said, she'll never do it. Of course she will. All she needs is £200m a year or so (and Mr Robert Carr says he will find it for her), an instruction to building societies to lower their lending rates, and an assurance that they will be paid the difference from the Exchequer.

The proposal has this to be said for it. It is a further encouragement to home ownership. All parties explicitly espouse home ownership, but for the Conservatives (who also propose to give it another push by granting all council tenants of more than three years standing a legal right to buy the freehold of their homes at two-thirds of the true price) home ownership is more

TWO MORE IMMORTALS

It is ironic that the only art whose practitioners can aim for the world-resounding accolade of a Nobel prize is literature, where the barrier of language denies every writer a universal audience able to approach him at first hand. In the other fields where Alfred Nobel chose to institute prizes, the medium is no obstacle to the task of assessing merit, and, except in the even more problematical case of the peace prize, the criteria for the decision are—though not entirely—objective. But the quality of an imaginative work is a subjective affair: it is hard enough to agree on the relative merits even of writers in one language and one branch of literature.

Not so many readers in this country will be immediately familiar with the work of Harry Martinson and Eyvind Johnson, this year's joint winners, although both of them have had two or three books published here in translation, and an opera made from Martinson's gloomy science-fiction epic poem "Anitra" has been performed in Edinburgh. If the two writers are not much known here, that may be due at least as much to our own provinciality as to any shortcomings of theirs. But their

selection does illustrate clearly the problems—not all strictly literary—that the committee of the Royal Swedish Academy face in making their award.

In practice, they do not give prizes to writers whose work is not fairly widely available in translation, and tend to prefer those who use one of the major languages of the world. So although writers of 24 nationalities have won the prize—eleven French, six British, six from the United States, and fourteen from Scandinavia—the number of languages honoured is much smaller. This is perhaps only realistic: it would be time enough to consider a writer working in Welsh or Xhosa if the interest of the translators suggested that his work might be of wider importance.

The committee also show a marked preference for writers who are full of years, often with their best work far behind them. This may be the explanation for Robert Graves's prizewinning a few years ago that the prize was "the kiss of death" and that he never knew anyone to do any good work after receiving it. It means that the prize, which is in money terms very large, can seldom

assist a struggling writer in the way that Nobel probably envisaged. Keats would never have got one; Southey might have.

Nobel's will restricted the choice to works of "an idealistic tendency"—a vague injunction which was for many years supposed to put Samuel Beckett out of the running—and probably did rule out Strindberg. But Beckett gained the tribute he fully deserved in 1969; today the committee would find their field of choice unwarrantably constricted by being obliged to reward uplifting work. It is easy to make lists of the writers who never got prizes—Tolstoy, Proust, Joyce, D. H. Lawrence, Hardy, Gorky—and contrast them with some of the names that did and seem rather faded today—Pearl Buck, Sinclair Lewis, Galsworthy, H. Pontoppidan (Denmark), J. Benavente y Martinez (Spain). The committee certainly have all the qualities of caution that one expects to find in committees, and in their early years made some very weak choices. But considering how capricious the judgments of posterity are, the list of prize-winners is probably as sound as it is fair to expect.

POLITICAL ARRESTS IN PORTUGAL

As soon as General Spínola resigned, the unveiling of a fascist plot and the arrest of counter-revolutionaries commenced. Nobody knows how many people have been put in prison. Only a few names have been released. These, not unexpectedly, are mostly personal ties of the Caetano regime. But the evidence is growing that the Government's security apparatus, known as "Copcon", headed by Brigadier de Carvalho, has already been in effect sentenced to the sequestration of their property.

Thus it seems increasingly likely that the militant left in Portugal intends to use coercion and intimidation to attain its ends, and increasingly obvious that these ends do not include democracy, free speech or the rule of law as social democrats understand these things. The communists' task is the easier since the methods of the regime since the methods on April 25 so joyously ended one. The Portuguese have had fifty years' conditioning in the knowledge that opposition to government, that opposition to risks, even mild criticisms, risks not even pleasant consequences for one's own health, one's family, and one's property. It may be feared that they will rather readily resign themselves to the fact that those who now wield power

will employ the time-honoured methods of securing political conformity. Nobody now knows exactly who runs the Armed Forces Movement, from which the Government springs. Its so-called coordinating committee has not yet been named. And whatever the nature of the Government's base in the army, the army is being purged by the dismissal of hundreds of officers. They cannot all be "fascists".

It is becoming hazardous to state any views that are not left-wing. Bands of activists—that is young thugs—harass those who dare to do so. This intolerance will perhaps soon extend beyond rallies to parties and to newspapers. In this sense will see the "new slavery" of which General Spínola warned, others will call it, as Brigadier Gonçalves does, "new and favourable perspectives".

If arrests of this scale followed a right-wing military takeover in a democratic country or one with a left-wing government, the protests would be echoed in Trafalgar Square. The suppression of incipient freedom of choice by a left-wing junta produces no comparable protest and in some quarters is sure to be extenuated. The lesson, once again, is that there is no coincidence of left-wing doctrines and democracy.

children have floundered their way through it. Or if it must be changed, revert to the monotonous but usefully traditional of teaching mathematics by rote, even if it does entail those astonishing gentlemen in the problems of my youth who would insist upon filling baths which for some reason had a hole in the bottom.

Yours faithfully,
 A. SAMPTSON
 Hollands Farm,
 Chart Sutton,
 Kent.

Referendum on the Common Market

From Lord Gladwyn
 Sir, Since, according to Mr Wilson, a referendum on British membership of the European Community is to be one of the main issues of the present electoral campaign, perhaps I could advance a (purely personal) plan which might possibly find acceptance among fair-minded persons of all political parties?

The Labour proposal is to have a referendum within 12 months of October 10 binding on the Government—or rather, it would not seem, on a majority of the Cabinet—whereas the Conservative proposal of a referendum on the House of Commons, this is a sop to the left-wing of the party which wants to cash in on instinctive nationalist opposition to the Common Market in order to separate us from "capitalist" Europe and thus impose a fully directed socialist regime on the nation.

The proposal is vicious if only for the fact (a) that the Government if not the country, might be committed, one way or the other, on a matter of supreme importance, by quite a small proportion of the electorate, and (b) that the issue would not be a straight one, but inevitably bound up with party politics. On the other hand there is a widespread feeling that popular opinion regarding any "re-negotiation" terms of British membership of the EEC should somehow be expressed and taken into full account by the people's elected representatives.

Why not agree, therefore, that when the result of the "re-negotiation" is known, the Government of the day should first seek a preliminary (and a free) vote in Parliament on its proposals? If it were defeated, it would resign and the issue would then be decided, perfectly democratically, in a general election. Its proposals were accepted, however, the electorate be asked to express its view on the simple issue of whether it approved of the preliminary decision of Parliament or not. In the light of the ensuing manifestations of public opinion, the Government—which must be the final authority if our parliamentary system is to survive—would take a final decision. If a clear majority of the electorate were to come out against the preliminary decision of Parliament, the Government would retain their seats would have to take this into serious account. But they would not be obliged to do so.

It is in any case quite unjust that a (divided) Labour Government, at the mercy of its extremist wing, should represent itself as the only party which "trusts the people". If they were to accept my suggestion, the major non-Socialist parties, while remaining faithful to true democracy, could not be accused of ignoring or flouting the convictions of many of the "grass-roots", however sincerely held.

Yours faithfully,
 LORD GLADWYN,
 Rome.
 September 29.

From Mr Nevil Johnson
 Sir, In your leader on The Future of Europe (September 27) you refer to the supposed difficulty for the Conservative Party in rejecting the case for a referendum: to do so, you suggest, looks "undemocratic". This is surely a grossly untrue statement. Let us remember a few obvious facts. Only in rare cases, notably Switzerland, does referendum operate as an instrument of genuine popular consultation on legislation; elsewhere it merely serves to legitimize what has already been decided by the Government. This is plainly incompatible with a referendum binding on Parliament and Government.

Moreover, the principle of the undivided responsibility of Government to Parliament and through Parliament to the people cannot be reconciled with the prospect of a Government being re-elected in a referendum (which is a distinct possibility on the EEC issue). Would Mr Wilson soldier on imperturbably if he asked for a "Yes" and received a "No"? Such a situation is irreconcilable with our constitutional practice and he must constitute himself in a referendum.

In putting the case against referendum there are other questions which its opponents can ask. It would represent a major change in our constitutional principles and we are entitled to know whether it is now proposed purely as a political expedient to preserve the "unity" of the Labour Party, or whether Mr Wilson wishes to introduce it as a regular procedure, and if so, on what terms. To make an honest woman of referendum, we need to know what a general provision for its use would look like. Let the Labour Party tell us what they want. Is it constitutional innovation, and if so, on what basis? Or is it just a once and for all political manoeuvre?

There is also another matter relevant to this issue which we, in our insular way, tend to ignore. The treaty of accession to the EEC was approved by the British Parliament and ratified in the normal way. To walk out of the EEC, even after a referendum facilitated by retrospective "constitutional" amendment, would represent a flagrant breach of treaty obligations. Has the present Government counted the cost of such a possibility? The damage would not be financial: this country's reliability as a partner in all kinds of international dealings would be called into question.

There is too much humbug attaching to the referendum proposal. Those who oppose it have no need to apologise for their opposition, but it is those who owe the people of this country a justification for it which goes beyond passing political convenience.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
 NEVIL JOHNSON,
 Nuffield College,
 Oxford.
 September 27.

From Mr L. St. Clare Grandona
 Sir, Without expressing views one way or the other regarding British membership of the EEC, may I point to the fact that a referendum (in respect of constitutional issues) is not an alien device—as is often stated. When, at the turn of the century, the states of the Australian colonies opted for Federation the result was the Statute of Westminster titled Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (July 9, 1900) which contained the following provision:

"The proposed law for the alteration thereof must be passed by an absolute majority of each House of Parliament, and not less than two nor more than six months after its passage through both Houses the proposed law shall be submitted in each State to the electors qualified to vote for the election of members of the House of Representatives. And if in a majority of the States a majority of the electors voting approve the proposed law, it shall be presented to the Governor-General for the Queen's assent."

Although, unlike Australia, the United Kingdom has no written Constitution, I suggest that if and when Great Britain's absolute sovereignty is considered to be jeopardized in any respect, the principles enshrined in the Statute of Westminster in the enactment (as quoted above) should have equal applicability to the British electorate—as witnessed by the recent referendum on a constitutional issue in Northern Ireland. Your obedient servant.

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 October 2.

Mr Powell on Ulster power-sharing

From Mr Cornelius O'Leary
 Sir, In his electioneering speeches in South Down Mr Enoch Powell has consistently condemned the "power-sharing" features of the Northern Ireland Consultation Act 1973. He has said there must be no more nonsense about power-sharing in the sense of the 1973 Consultation (Irish Times, September 9), and more categorically, that it is an impertinence to ask a party that has won an election to share power with the losers.

It is tempting to think that what appears to be the utterances of an ignorant who thinks that even societies, that are divided on religious, ideological or cultural lines may be governed by the simple majority principle which operates in Britain, and has never been heard of in Switzerland, Canada or Holland, where the political arrangements ensure that minorities do share in power. Since that conclusion would be absurd, it might be argued that Mr Powell, while knowing of "the politics of accommodation" or "consociational democracy" as practised in these and other segmented societies (about which there is a rapidly growing literature), does not approve of it and is a fundamentalist supporter of majority rule.

On the other hand, I came across a conflicting piece of evidence when looking recently at the debates in the London Albert Hall of 1959, which set up the Republic of Cyprus. Cyprus, in my opinion, resembles Northern Ireland far more than either resembles Great Britain. In both cases political divisions corresponding with traditional cultural cleavages, the territory has been disputed between two sovereign states with which the indigenous cultural groups are allied; the territory is geographically closer to the state in which the minority desires to adhere, and, on both occasions, after much civil disturbance and prolonged discussion, the British Government devised a constitution prescribing that the two communities should share in government.

In the debate, on March 19, 1959, Mr Powell, then a member of the Government, warmly praised the Act. He congratulated the "policy" of power-sharing, but he said that there were two extreme policies to be avoided—by trying, on the one hand, to guarantee in perpetuity "those things for which we are responsible", or the equally false and dangerous extreme of trying to "undo" the Government's decision by ignoring the difficulties resulting from the communal divisions of the island. The next speaker, a Labour backbencher, congratulated Mr Powell for defining "one of the most thoughtful speeches I have heard" (see *Parliamentary Debates*, Vol. 602, Cols. 693-699).

How can this speech be reconciled with those quoted above? It is no answer to say that Cyprus since 1959 has not developed into a stable democracy, it appears to be generally agreed that the only hope of such a development is for the Greek and Turkish Cypriots to participate in the government of the island. Certainly no one has suggested that a majority of the all-Greek population could possibly control the island. (It might be remembered that the minority community in Northern Ireland is 35 per cent of the population, compared with 20 per cent in Cyprus.)

It is difficult to resist the conclusion that while Mr Powell, in 1959, made an objective appraisal of the Cyprus problem, in 1974, for electioneering purposes, he is presuming on the ignorance and hypocrisy of the people of the island, whose lives have already been lost through political-religious prejudices.

If there is an alternative explanation, I as a student of Ulster politics, should be most glad to hear it.

Yours faithfully,
 CORNELIUS O'LEARY,
 Department of Political Science,
 The Queen's University of Belfast,
 Belfast,
 October 2.

Role of the CIA in Chile

From Mr Peter Usinov
 Sir, It was interesting, if dispiriting, to read Lord Chalfont's reasoned argument for secret diplomacy as the least of necessary evils in international relations. However, that his sombre meditation should have been inspired by the disclosures of the role of the American Central Intelligence Agency in Chile is, to say the least, peculiar.

The activities of the CIA may seem secret to the CIA, but to anyone remotely interested in the brave beginnings of the Allende experiment they have been evident for a very long time. To now spend too much time or too great a sense of outrage on the CIA is tantamount to expressing indignation about the Watergate burglars without remembering to ensure those who sent them on their way. After all, for all we know, a group of astrologers with their heads buried in the sand may also conceivably be engaged in secret diplomacy. However, the diplomacy which huris, like the ostrich's kick, is that which is far from secret.

Allende was brought down by a refusal of credit which predestined his regime to a slow yet inevitable death from strangulation. When Lord Chalfont refers to the Chilean

government as "increasingly authoritarian" he is undoubtedly right, but he fails to attribute this tendency to the intractable attitude of many elected governments which ostracized another elected government, and snuffed it out of existence in the name of freedom. Was ever hypocrite more blatant than this? The extraordinary alacrity with which Britain's Conservative government recognized the Junta of General Pinochet—beating even the United States to the punch—was proof enough of our eagerness to sweep the ashes of morality under the carpet and advance business as usual. Britain, France, Western Germany all played the game, along with the United States, while in spite of the figures quoted by Lord Chalfont, the financial assistance from the Soviet Union was never abundant enough to do more than prolong the agony decreed by the parliamentary democracies.

It was left to countries like Sweden and Mexico to behave with a sense of decency and honour. The clarity of vision and honesty of purpose they exhibited seem to be out of the reach of nations whose power has infected them with a sense of mission.

Yours sincerely,
 PETER USINOV,
 The Berkeley, Wilton Place, SW1.

Country houses

From Commander Michael Watson
 Sir, Philip Howard in his article on the forthcoming exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum "Destruction of the Country House" sees it as "... possibly the epitaph to a great English institution". It is certainly the epitaph to those houses which have gone, but it need not signal the death knell for those that still survive.

Most country houses now surviving do so, not so much because they are open to the public, the proceeds from which seldom meet more than a fraction of the total running costs, but because they are still endowed with sufficient land to make them economically viable agricultural units. As such, they are still the centre and inspiration of many rural communities, representing a living rather than a bygone heritage.

Inflation is a problem of course, but if the integrity of these estates is preserved then the houses which they support have as much chance of survival as any other industry.

If however, as part of a deliberate policy, they are to continue to be eroded by taxation, then this living heritage will die for ever.

The house itself may be allowed to survive as a museum supported by heavy applications of taxpayers' money, but it will be an expensive exercise costing far more in the long term than will be gained in the short term cashing in on the present owner's wealth.

Legislation exists to exempt chattels of national importance for payment of estate duty or capital gains tax, unless they are sold. If this principle could be extended to include country houses and their supporting estates, then there is a chance that they can continue to play an active and important role not only as examples of past greatness, but as efficient economic units of today.

Yours faithfully,
 MICHAEL WATSON,
 Rockingham Castle,
 Market Harborough,
 Leicestershire,
 September 30.

Public lending right

From Dame Veronica Wedgwood,
 OM and others
 Sir, We are now in the twenty-fourth year of our struggle to obtain justice for authors whose books are used in libraries. We therefore urge spokesmen responsible for education, the arts and libraries, publicly to explain during the election campaign where, in detail, their parties stand in the matter.

We do not doubt the good will of Mr Hugh Jenkins, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, and others, which has enabled great progress to be made in solving the technical problems of PLR during the past 10 months; we ask that they name the day when promises will be made good.

Yours faithfully,
 Veronica Wedgwood, President,
 John Betjeman,
 Arthur Bryant,
 Henry Cecil,
 Roy Fuller,
 Julian S. Hurley,
 Rosamond Lehmann,
 J. B. Priestley,
 V. S. Pritchett,
 Terence Rattigan,
 Rebecca West,
 Society of Authors,
 84 Drayton Gardens, SW10.

here, and would have to sacrifice no comparable ones to include "Dido Building Carriage" and the four others from the National Gallery.

Mr Brooke, in suggesting that "The Evening Star" only might possibly be added is merely reflecting the condescension towards the exhibition and Turner's estimate of the relative value of his own works that seems implicit in the original decision of the Trustees and the Director of the National Gallery, and whose persistence in it is rapidly eroding public confidence in their judgment.

In view of the inadequacy of the arguments in the two letters you have published defending a policy of the National Gallery, may I letter (August 29), it is surely time as Mr Lucian Freud and Mr Francis Bacon have suggested (September 26) and others have implied, for the Director to provide a better reason for the decision or admit that it was a wrong one.

Yours,
 BRUCE BERNARD,
 48 Grosvenor Gardens, N10.

Turner at the Academy

From Mr Bruce Bernard
 Sir, If Mr Humphrey Brooke (September 30) consulted the organizers of the Turner bicentenary exhibition at the Royal Academy he would find that they have room for all the important Turners that they have asked for including "The Burning of the Houses of Parliament" and other pictures of its calibre rarely seen

Banalities
 From Mrs Sybille Bedford
 Sir, May I pick up one small point in Michael Ratcliffe's most interesting and readable review of Richard Ollard's *Peggs*? (September 12) Giving examples of the author's occasional lapses "into uncharacteristic banality". Mr Ratcliffe quotes as drawing a high prize in the lottery of life. Surely this is straight—and consciously evoked—Gibbon (of the autobiography)?

Yours truly,
 SYBILLE BEDFORD,
 23 Old Church Street, SW3.

Sovereignty of Parliament

From Mr Timothy Reason
 Sir, David Wood said what many are saying in his article on Monday ("Who can govern the ungovernable?") when he wrote that: "the only social contract means 'that politicians have to recognize that their duty is not to resign but to organize labour gets what it wants'. But must we accept the fatalism of his approach?"

There is an alternative—a sustained campaign to restore the sovereignty of Parliament. I don't just mean the rule of law—vital though that is—I mean using Parliament as the vehicle through which argument and mediation take place. Government must of course discuss with outside bodies, but they must never make treaties with them, if they do recognize that they are equal to Parliament, and thus encourage them to challenge Parliament's supremacy. This is the fundamental objection to Labour's social contract which anyway was never properly put before Parliament.

Only Parliament represents all the people. This is why it has the moral authority which must underly and justify what I hope we shall see in the next Parliament, a determined and successful campaign to restore power where it belongs. Governments as well as the rest of the country will have to understand this.

Yours faithfully,
 TIMOTHY REASON,
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 September 30.

little has been done effectively to overcome it.

As the Christians used to know and the Marxists know only too well the most powerful communication mechanism is in the cell. Companies who have realized the importance of this principle have put in the system of briefing groups, whereby everyone in an organization meets together in groups of between four and 18 people with their immediate boss. These groups last for 20-30 minutes and take place regularly at least once a month to talk about what is happening and why, where it affects them.

Of course there is a place for consultative and negotiating committees, for a greater involvement of union representatives, and for the printed word, but an increasing number of organizations, whether they be industrial, commercial or of the public service, have discovered in the past four years that if people are to commit themselves to their work then the briefing group drill is one of the absolute essentials.

Yours faithfully,
 JOHN GARNETT,
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 48 Bryanston Square, W1,
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Pitt and income tax

From Sir John Walley
 Sir, In Ian Bradley's comparisons between the gloomy outlook for our nation today and that when George III made the younger Pitt his Chief Minister are fascinating. But why, I wonder, does he suggest that one of Pitt's achievements was the abolition of the income tax? Much that he did or tried to do is indeed forgotten, eg. his anticipations of Beveridge in the Bill which he got through a House of Commons Committee in 1796.

But I had hitherto thought that Pitt's claim to be the creator of the income tax in 1798 was neither forgotten nor disputed. This tax was abolished after the Napoleonic War and only revived much later, by Peel; but no discredit or credit for it can attach to Pitt, who died in 1806.

Yours faithfully,
 JOHN WALLEY,
 46 Rotherwick Road, NW11,
 September 30.

Better communication

From the Director of the Industrial Society
 Sir, You stressed in your report on the Opinion Research Centre's survey (September 19) on people's attitude to work, the fact that "workers are far more interested in getting better communication channels from the top so that they know what is happening and why". This, of course, is no new finding. The worrying part is that, although this problem has been known to exist in large organizations over many years,

Modern maths

From Mr Derek A. Sampson
 Sir, Preserve us from theorists like Dr Steiner who want to change our educational system yet again! Our children are already struggling through schools made chaotic by others of his kind, who have given us incomprehensible comprehensive schemes, riotous free-association of classes, social studies in the form of history and geography, multifarious reading systems, and the delights of new maths.

That last abomination was designed to make mathematics undesignable and enjoyable to every child. It reduced my daughter to fearful bewilderment and her more numerate brother to sullen boredom. Now, a friend at London University tells me, undergraduates in the engineering and nuclear physics departments are having to be given tuition in traditional mathematics to enable them to advance in their studies!

Please leave the educational system alone, at least until my

children have floundered their way through it. Or if it must be changed, revert to the monotonous but usefully traditional of teaching mathematics by rote, even if it does entail those astonishing gentlemen in the problems of my youth who would insist upon filling baths which for some reason had a hole in the bottom.

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Oil pricing deals could add £140m to UK's imports bill

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor
With petroleum demand showing a seasonal rise, Treasury and Department of Energy experts are anxiously assessing the likely impact on Britain's already grossly inflated import bills of the new pricing arrangements being applied to fourth quarter crude oil supplies.

Concern at possible US embargo on coal exports

By Peter Hill
Prospects of a strike by miners in the United States next month, and the possibility of curbs being placed on the export of American coal, are causing concern within the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) and the British Steel Corporation (BSC).

Central banks urged at IMF meeting to take action for strengthening of public confidence

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Oct 3
Central banks are being widely called upon at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund here to take measures to strengthen public confidence in the commercial banking system.

Cash crisis forces Jensen to cut staff

By Clifford Webb
A second British manufacturer of prestige cars is in serious financial difficulties. Jensen Motors of West Bromwich yesterday made 100 staff and indirect workers redundant and gave a warning that its cash flow situation was so acute it may be forced to close down jeopardizing the jobs of its remaining 1,200 employees.

Dearer petrol plea is expected soon

By David Young
Applications to increase the price of petrol are expected to be submitted to the Prices Commission in the week following the General Election. The proposed increases could add as much as 4p to the retail price of a gallon of petrol.

Further heavy falls on stock market

There was renewed selling of both government bonds and ordinary shares on the London stock market yesterday, following a warning from the OECD of further inflation in the United Kingdom and a batch of redundancy announcements from industry.

\$250m international financings for Piper oilfield development

Development of the Piper oilfield in the North Sea took a major step forward yesterday with the completion of two international financings totalling \$250m.

TWA and PanAm in merger talks

From Our US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Oct 3
Trans-World Airlines stated today that it was holding negotiations with 10 American airlines which "may result in a decision regarding mergers, coalitions or consolidations".

Singapore rumours denied

Singapore, Oct 3—The Monetary Authority of Singapore and the United Overseas Bank said rumours concerning the bank's financial and liquidity positions were untrue and there was no cause for concern.

Brown Boveri raises cash bid for Kent: GEC reassurance on redundancies

By Anthony Rowley
Two developments yesterday heightened the battle between Brown Boveri, the Swiss group, and General Electric Company for control of George Kent.

INTERIM STATEMENT

ROBECO
Takes long-term view
In composing the ROBECO portfolio we let ourselves be guided by considerations of a structural kind, convinced as we are that in the long run the best results will be achieved by those who affect stock prices now, however company results, profits and distributions are long-term determining factors.

INTERIM STATEMENT

BOWTHORPE HOLDINGS LIMITED
Interim Results for the Half Year to 30 June 1974
CONTINUED GROWTH FOR BOWTHORPE
* Group pre-tax profits up by 30% to £2.25 million (£1.73 million).

TERMS OF TRADE

Table with 3 columns: Year, Exports, Imports. Data for 1971-1974.

How the markets moved

Table with 2 columns: Rises, Falls. Lists various stocks and their price movements.

THE POUND

Table with 3 columns: Country, Bank, Rate. Lists exchange rates for various countries.

NO MAJOR SWITCHES

In keeping with this, we took advantage of declining stock prices in the United States and Canada to extend our holdings in those countries, expecting as we are that the Federal Reserve Board's tight money policy will be somewhat relieved after some time, whereafter large amounts of money will flow back to Wall Street.

EMI profits are up £7.5m

Pre-tax profits of EMI in the year to June 30 rose from £27.6m to £35.1m on sales up from £321m to £400m. Trading profits in the United Kingdom fell from 19.3m to £18.9m, but trading profits overseas were up from £14.7m to £21.8m.

On other pages

Table with 2 columns: Page, Title. Lists other articles in the newspaper.

Booker food marketing is switched to Mace

By Hugh Clayton

Booker McConnell said yesterday that its entire food distribution business, with total turnover of more than £130m a year, is to be switched from Independent Marketing Services to Distributive Marketing Services.

Booker said that its Alfred Button food wholesaling subsidiary would operate as a Mace sponsored wholesaler immediately. The group, which has extensive international agricultural and food manufacturing interests, also controls the Budegens supermarket chain in Britain.

A Booker spokesman said yesterday: "From the New Year all our food wholesale and retail buying will be done through DMS."

Its wholesalers in Bristol and Nottingham have already linked with Mace, the largest retail grocery symbol group in Britain.

Mr Stewart Whatmore, chairman of Mace, said yesterday that with 300 retailers in the London area Alfred Button would bring strength to a region in which Mace had been under-represented.

Libya and Mobil sign \$70m exploration deal

Tripoli, Oct 3.—Libya has signed a 35-year agreement for the exploration of oil with Mobil oil corporation, the Libya news agency, Arna, said.

The agreement, which was signed yesterday, requires Mobil to spend \$70m (about £30m) during the next five years. The production will be shared between Libya and Mobil.

Mobil is not entitled to recover its outlay whether oil is found or not, the agency said. Drilling off Newfoundland: The French Total group's company, Eastcan Exploration, yesterday said that drilling at the Gudrig H 55 well—some 500 miles north of St John's, Newfoundland—had produced gas at a maximum flow rate of 20 million cubic feet a day.

Interchange link with BR hotels

British Transport Hotels, the British Rail hotel group, has linked with the Interchange marketing and reservation consortium. As part of the arrangement, Interchange will operate from BTH headquarters at St Pancras, in London.

Interchange at present operates on behalf of 100 independent privately owned hotels

Call for curbs on cotton imports as Courtaulds cuts work week

By Peter Hill

Thousands of workers in Britain's cotton and allied textile industry face the imminent prospect of short-time working and lay-offs. Nearly 2,000 workers employed in seven spinning mills operated by Courtaulds are to begin short-time working next week and industry leaders have appealed to the Government to act to curb soaring imports, which are seen as a disruptive influence, particularly against the background of the downturn in demand.

The British Textile Employers Association has urged the Department of Industry to reintroduce quotas on cotton yarn imports from the Mediterranean area of the EEC, notably Turkey and Greece, and has also pressed the Government to peg cotton yarn imports from Asian countries for 1975 at this year's level.

In the first seven months of this year cotton yarn imports have doubled, compared with the corresponding period of last year, from 9,833 tonnes to 18,905

tonnes while United Kingdom cotton yarn production has fallen. The Government's response to the industry's appeal, contained in a letter from Lord Beswick, Minister of State for Industry, has been to offer liaison between the BTEA and the department's chemical and textile division, to look at the difficulties.

But within the industry there is now serious concern that urgent action is required if the effects of lay-offs and short time is to be minimized. The cotton spinning industry, concentrated predominantly in Lancashire, employs around 25,000 workers and inevitably the production difficulties in spinning will spread to other sections of the textile industry, including weaving and finishing, supplies in the pipeline diminish.

In Courtaulds' case, about 1,800 workers at seven spinning plants will begin a four-day week next Monday. The group's spinning operations have also been affected by supply shortages caused by the strike new

serried at its viscose plant in North Wales. Two spinning mills have already been temporarily closed and two more will follow next week as a result, affecting some 600 workers.

Three other Courtaulds plants spinning synthetic staple fibres on the worsted system are going on to short time while production cutbacks at plants producing viscose continuous filament yarn at Flint and at Preston will also lead to short time.

In another development, JCB Excavators—one of Britain's most successful excavator exporters—announced that 1,000 workers would be put on a four-day week from today. The cut in production, the company said, resulted from a "depressed home market".

The company said that there had been a dramatic fall off in the United Kingdom market because of reduced government expenditure on public works and civil engineering and the disastrous level of house building.

Chrysler strikers to decide moves today

By R. W. Shakespeare

Toolroom workers who are on strike from the two Chrysler car factories in Coventry are to meet today to decide on their next move. The strike by 320 men who are demanding another pay increase only three months after their last, has made 4,250 workers idle and stopped production at the central Chrysler engines factory at Stoke (Coventry).

Unless the stoppage is called off today, Chrysler will face a shut down at the Ryton Assembly plant in Coventry, and the Linwood plant in Scotland probably early next week.

Mint plans issue of sovereigns

Everything depends on today's meeting. The company hopes that shop stewards will recommend a return to work pending a further investigation of the toolroom workers' claim. The men say their wages have fallen behind the general rate for toolmakers in the Coventry area by up to £5 a week.

If the strike goes on—and this seems likely—the Coventry district committee of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers has decided to urge the union's national executive to approve the payment of strike benefits to the men when it meets on Tuesday.

Mint plans issue of sovereigns

A new issue of British gold sovereigns will be minted before the end of the year, a spokesman for the Royal Mint said yesterday. The bulk of the issue is expected to be exported. The spokesman declined to say how many would be minted.

The Royal Mint's statement confirmed a declaration by Mr Healey, the Chancellor, earlier this year, when he said in a written reply to a Commons question that minting would be resumed soon.

The Mint could not say when the new issue would become available to the bullion and coin markets, but some dealers said it would probably be around March next year.

One leading coin dealer said that, apart from orders from banks, he had also received more than 200 orders from private individuals with requests for between one and five sovereigns each.

Dealers said the continuing strong overseas demand for gold coins appeared to be a major factor behind the authorities' decision to resume minting.

The export of sovereigns is seen by the authorities as one way of counteracting the continuing strong demand for the South African Kruggerand from United Kingdom investors, who cannot invest directly in bullion and find the purchase of coins the easiest way of buying gold.

Herstatt loss 'about £195m'

Cologne, Oct 3.—The provisional liquidator of the Herstatt Bank said today his final report showed losses of DM1,205m (about £195m).

He said assets totalled DM984m and claims up to September 30—the date set by the Cologne court for filing the report—were DM2,189m.

This compares with losses of DM1,274m from figures given by Herr Guerner Vogelsang, the independent negotiator, last week of DM940m assets against DM2,214m claims as of September 17. He was reported earlier today as saying the settlement quotas he suggested last week could be raised slightly as a result of more up-to-date figures. —Reuter.

Industrial site scheme halted

Ransomes Sims and Jefferies, the Ipswich engineering company, has, because of the economic situation, called a halt to development on a 130-acre site of factories and warehouses for letting.

When a subsidiary, Ransomes Property Developments, was formed two years ago, plans were laid to develop more than 2,000,000 sq ft of industrial buildings on land next to its factory on the outskirts of Ipswich.

A spokesman for R S & J said yesterday: "The standstill will probably continue until there is more clarity about the economic situation

15 pc dearer houses predicted for next year

A warning that the average new house could cost up to £2,000 more within a year to 18 months is given today by the Journal Building.

A leading article says that the restoration of housing demand and supply after the election has been pledged by all the parties.

And as soon as this demand becomes effective an unavoidable built-in price increase will be on the way of the order of 15 per cent to 20 per cent."

Steel imports request

The Department of Trade has been asked to grant exemption from import duty on imports of hot rolled strip entering the United Kingdom until the end of this year. The application, now being considered by the department, follows discussions between the British Steel Corporation and representatives of the British Iron and Steel Consumers Council.

Call to engineers

A call for a stronger approach to discipline within the engineering profession and a big propaganda approach to convince the public that the remedy for indifferent performance by qualified engineers lies within the appropriate chartered engineering body, was made yesterday by Mr Derek Dick in his presidential address to the Institution of Structural Engineers.

BP job to Canada

A Canadian shipyard has secured a contract valued at \$40m (about £17.5m) to build a drill ship for exploration use by British Petroleum. The contract was commissioned from Hawker Siddeley, Canada by the Dallas-based Sedco Inc and the vessel—the Sedco 471—is scheduled for delivery early in 1977.

Sweets jobs revived

Barker and Dobson has agreed to keep open its Waller and Harle sweet factory in Blackpool, saving the jobs of 350 workers, pending the results of a management-trade union work study investigation. The factory was shut last Friday but, after a workers' sit-in, was reopened until talks could be held. These have now resulted in the work study agreement.

Aluminium prices up

Price increases of £30 per tonne on rolled and extruded aluminium products were announced yesterday by Alcoa of Great Britain. The company said the increases would be reflected in despatches of metal from November 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Need for stable definition of roles in pensions field

From Sir Donald Sargent

Sir, Mr Liddington asks (September 30) that solutions to the pension problem should be debated in your columns over the next two weeks. It is hardly the business of a professional body to argue, above all during an election, the respective merits of the pension proposals of the different political parties. But two things can and should be said.

First, there is general agreement on one thing at least: that financial provision for old age in this country is too low and needs to be increased.

Secondly it is surely deplorable that for more than ten years, despite agreement on the need, progress in improving and extending occupational pensions, which all parties say they wish to encourage, has been

Self-employed contributions

From Mr E. J. Bandy

Sir, With reference to your correspondent's letter concerning National Health insurance contributions by the self-employed. A fortnight ago I wrote to my MP requesting he asked the Ministry how they justified such one-sided legislation. To date I am still waiting for a reply.

Perhaps if all the self-employed wrote to their MPs requesting such information, we might get to know what are the Minister's justifications for such an enormous increased contribution.

Yours faithfully,
E. J. BANDY,
Maple House,
Coedington,
Kesteven,
Northants.

Consistency of Civil Aviation Authority

From Mr R. Colegate

Sir, Dr Wilson, in his letter about Advance Bookings Charter operators, is operating profitably.

He overlooks, however, the fact that the airlines which carry this traffic have, for the most part, experienced heavy losses. As a result, some have cut back their north Atlantic charter operations, some have pulled out of the market and some have gone bankrupt.

The British airlines' aggregate share of charter traffic to and from the United States has declined from over 50 per cent to something like 15 per cent. This is the situation the Authority is seeking to remedy. I am sure that Dr Wilson also knows, though he does not mention it, that other governments and authorities on both sides of the Atlantic are deeply concerned about the serious det-

erioration in the economic position of the airlines, and that international discussions are still going on with a view to fixing minimum prices for charter flights rather higher than those of the Authority has proposed.

I like to think that one day, those who sit now so vociferously in their criticism of the Authority will recognise that we are trying, I hope with some success, to ensure that prices in the United Kingdom market are set at levels that are high enough but no higher than they need to be.

R. COLEGATE,
From the Head of Economic Policy and Licensing,
Civil Aviation Authority,
129 Kingsway,
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October 2

HAG case: law bent to suit Market creed

From Mr W. E. P. Johnson

Sir, One of our great experts in the relevant law, your correspondent Mr Guy Aldous, QC, illuminates the serious peril in which we placed ourselves by accepting, as part of the price of membership of the EEC, the sacrifice of our sovereignty and surrender to an alien Court.

When we adopted (for the first time in our history) a written constitution—and one so infamously badly written—with out it being even debated at Westminster let alone opined upon by the public, we accepted an incalculable risk.

The reality of the risk is just beginning to be demonstrated, and the HAG case is such a demonstration.

In particular, however, and with no pretensions to Mr Aldous's tact, I venture to draw your attention to the absurdity of Article 167 of the Treaty and how law and justice are clearly not to be sought under it.

By this article the Court of Justice (that which was guilty of the HAG decision) "shall be chosen from persons whose independence shall be beyond doubt".

In the HAG judgment, the basic decision was taken not as a matter of law but of doctrine. The doctrine was that which springs from the almost religious observance of the so-called "principle of free movement of goods".

In HAG the court, so far from

being "independent" judged not on the law but on doctrine. Moreover, to justify the judgment, the court adopted at least one complete fallacy, namely that rights in a trade mark are indivisible.

How can this be reconciled with the "independence" of the members of the bench?

Thus, not only is Mr Aldous completely justified in suggesting that the Court exceeded jurisdiction; the court also demonstrated very clearly that when it suits the Market creed, the law will be bent.

Yours sincerely,
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London, N.W.3.

The Credit Bank

During the past ten years the CREDIT BANK has expanded steadily until it has become to be one of the leading commercial banks in Greece. In terms of total assets the year to year growth rate has averaged 15%.

The financial results for 1973 (with 1972 figures in parentheses) could be summed up as follows:

TOTAL ASSETS stood at a total of 1,000,000,000 (Drs. 9,500,000,000) representing an increase of 20% over 1972.

NET PROFITS

CAPITAL FUNDS

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

EMI completes the course

If the strength of the interim figures had removed any doubts as to EMI's ability to show growth over the three-year period... the market had certainly not been counting on the group turning in a second half profit improvement as well.



Sir Joseph Lockwood, who retires as EMI's chairman next month: North American gains.

Not that EMI would have made it but for a sharp fall in second half interest charges from £3.6m to £2.5m, largely reflecting a substantially higher return on liquid funds overseas and a drop in the United Kingdom working capital requirement through the three-day week.

How and when the banks will be able to raise these funds is far from clear. But it seems likely that some of the smaller operators in North Sea consortium will find it hard to raise their share.

Morgan Crucible More to come

A general market setback yesterday rather than disappointment with Morgan Crucible's interim results was probably behind the 1p fall in the share price to 43p.

Oil Funding the North Sea

The fact that Occidental and Thomson Piper Petroleum have been able to complete their financing needs for the Piper field should not obscure the difficulties that others are going to encounter trying to do the same thing.

There was, of course, a useful reduction in double running costs arising from the removal of the carbon factory to South Wales and if there was some pressure due to the three-day week, Morgan appears to have capitalized upon the experience gained to improve operating efficiency.

Political clouds

With market capitalizations roughly equal to last year's

profits, employment agency shares could scarcely be more out of fashion than at the moment. Alfred Marks is no exception; his market worth is £0.9m, against reported profits for the past 12 months of £12m.

Trapped in interlocking circles of oil prices, inflation, balance of payments deficits, monetary anarchy and political disharmony the world's finance ministers have been swopping sources through exports.

George Kent Mr Benn's move

Brown Boveri's revised offer for George Kent seems designed almost exclusively to ease Mr Benn off the horns of a political dilemma.

Alfred Marks

At the same time, however, North Sea funding requirements have become monumentally large. Ninian field is now estimated to cost some £850m.

Higher rating

Conservatism will have its day. For some years senior executives from Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, have embarked upon an annual European tour to keep in touch with business associates.

The Germans have a word for the likely denouement of the present world economic and financial imbroglio—a Grustical. Literally suggesting a gruesome musical the word connotes heavy melodrama. Götterdämmerung dogged with force.

Tar sand mining—the hard way to get oil

The "tar sand" deposits near the Athabasca River in northern Alberta were noticed as dark outcroppings along the river bank by natives, explorers and fur trappers about 200 years ago.

Of the operation has proved a technological nightmare. The extraction and upgrading processes are relatively conventional, but are subject to severe new operating conditions.

That nothing must be done which accommodates the higher oil prices, whether it be Mr Healey's plans for recycling the oil producers' surpluses to the deficit countries or Mr McNamara's proposals for recycling the Indian sub-continent from the ravages of total bankruptcy.

Business Diary: Jensen jolt • Mellon's vindication?

Midland car workers are finding out what happens when they tangle with a no-nonsense, self-made American boss. Yesterday Kjell...

reply to a question on how he saw interest rates developing. Higgins replied: "Projecting the direction of interest rates used to be regarded as a science. Then it was downgraded to an art. Now it can only be regarded as rank speculation."

and investments from the oil producers. Such "primary recycling" (as they call it) flows from oil producers to oil consumers...

Rotork Limited

The results for the first six months of 1974 show a significant increase in turnover and profit compared with the similar period in 1973. There is a strong demand for the company's products...

As observed during a "flight" in the mock-up yesterday, there is a lot to learn. Gone are the polky patriots from which the in-flight food appears in today's generation...

of physical adjustment, that is, on cutting down oil consumption at home and taking it clear that they will not import more than a fixed 51,000m francs (about \$10,000m) worth of oil each year.

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the extreme reluctance of the Arabs, the Germans and the Americans to accept such bilateral risks—but it will also entail some kind of worldwide sealing down of debts whereby the oil producers will, as they see it, be robbed of what they have been paid for oil delivered in the past.

DIY airbus

The first of the 15 Lockheed TriStar airbuses which British Airways has ordered at about £8m a time is due to arrive at Heathrow from its assembly line in California in three weeks' time.

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Foreseeing this prospect they may once again become extremely reluctant to supply the oil at all.

Kenneth Owen

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Bowthorpe holds momentum in background of healthy liquidity

By David Mott
In spite of the national economic problems Bowthorpe Holdings, the Crawley-based manufacturer of small electrical components, continued to make solid progress in the first six months of this year. But Mr J. Bowthorpe, chairman, says: "Unabated inflation" makes it difficult to forecast future earnings.

less, 30 per cent ahead, at £2.24m, out of turnover increased 18 per cent to £10m. This includes profits of £1,310,000 (£1,010,000) from associated companies. Taking away tax and minorities the attributable comes out at £1.14m, against £917,000; earnings a share are raised 31 per cent to 2.9p and the dividend is up from 0.76p to 0.85p.

This situation has again prevailed. The management is confident that with the continuing support of its employees, both at home and abroad, the company will continue its good record. As a hedge against possible difficulties at home the company increased its overseas interests in August by raising to 51 per cent its stake in Wago Kontakttechnik, makers of screwless terminal blocks and ancillary products for the electrical industry.

Gibbons Dudley bids for Foster

In an agreed expansion move, Gibbons Dudley, the refractory and coke-oven maker is paying about £3.8m for Henry Foster Building Products, which makes bricks and clayware field drain pipes. The terms of 101p cash are being recommended by the Henry Foster board and shareholders controlling over 55 per cent of the equity have agreed to accept.

Meanwhile, the Henry Foster group has given trading details. The group reached a peak taxable profit last year of £863,000, but this year the board is looking for only £435,000 after exceptional expenditure of £31,000 relating to a new pipeline, and losses of £15,000 on a small Lancashire pipe plant. After six months' trading pre-tax profits are down from £425,000 to £220,000, after deducting £62,000 of exceptional

expenditure. This fall was on turnover up from £1,51m to £1,65m. The board has decided not to pay an interim dividend, against equal to 1.66p, because of the offer from Gibbons. In March the board gave a warning that there had been a reduction in profits, but that in spite of difficulties with the three-day week the group was still trading profitably and things were better than expected.

Interest bites hard as Kent moves to peak

West Country property and housing developers M. P. Kent have pushed full-year profits to a fresh peak level of £1.76m against £1.73m but this is after writing off exceptionally high interest charges which more than doubled from £388,000 to £914,000. Net profits after a higher tax charge were cut from £978,000 to £860,000 and earnings a share dropped from equal to 9.5p to 8.7p.

Mr M. P. Kent, the chairman, says the board is gearing a high proportion of housing developments for first time buyers. Adequate facilities are available for the property investment and housing programme now under construction and the group has no involvement with fringe banks. He is confident that shareholders' funds represented by net tangible assets will show a further significant increase in the current year. A revaluation of certain properties shows a surplus of £348,000 and this appears in the accounts as an increase in capital reserves. The residential land bank currently stands at 3,750 units (520 acres)

Slower year for London Shop

After a fall in income from house building and hotel trading, London Shop Property Trusts' trading income for 1973-74 is down from £1.2m to £1.08m, and pre-tax profits from a record £1.1m to £967,000 (£674,000), while earnings a share are down from 5.2p to 4p. A higher final dividend would have been paid but for government restrictions.

A breakdown of income shows that property and general revenue went up from £610,000 to £644,000, property trading from £101,000 to £178,000; house building brought in only £252,000, against £478,000, while hotel trading made £13,000, against £19,000. Taxable profits are further depressed by a charge of £12,000 for losses of associated companies, which compares with a credit of £8,000.

At half time most sections went ahead, giving the group an improved taxable profit of £523,000, against £287,000.

Steinberg-British Land

Mr Jack Steinberg, chairman of the Steinberg Group, makers of clothing and handbags, told the annual meeting that the sale of Steinberg House in



Sir Cyril Black, chairman of London Shop Property Trusts

Aldersgate, London, to British Land had been completed. The group has received £2.5m cash with a further £750,000 due on March 31 and a final £1m on September 30, 1975.

Thames TV falls £2m

With its pre-tax profits (before exceptional items) down from £6.27m to £4.6m, Thames Television points out that the second half brought in £3,650,000, against £4m in the first half, because of rising costs and lower advertising revenue. Net advertising revenue for 1973-74 is up from £25.7m to £26.4m. Before June 22 the group paid £4.9m (against £4.8m) in Exchequer levy on advertising revenue, against £21.4m (£20.9m). After June 22 the levy was based on taxable profits, and amounted to £31,000. After tax and exceptional items, profits are down from £3.3m to £2.1m.

Ozolid venture

Ozolid Group Holdings has formed a new joint company

with the German concerns of Metzler-Siebert, in which it has a 25 per cent stake; and the Munich Group for the production in Ireland of printing machines. The company, Repro Engineering Ireland, is expected to start production in November from a factory in Limerick of machines for printing copies of engineers' and architects' drawings.

Difficult year at Burns-Anderson

In the face of trading conditions described as "extremely difficult" Burns-Anderson, the industrial and property group, raised profits before tax and interest by 28 per cent to £885,000 last year. But interest charges of £319,000 (£156,000) cut this growth to a little under 7 per cent to £567,000. From this comes a £54,000 loss from an associate.

The company says that less than 10 per cent of profits are now derived from the private housing market. All other subsidiaries increased profits, with the exception of the electrical division which was hit by the three-day week. The total dividend goes up from 1.57p to 1.65p.

Brown & Jackson

Lancashire-based building and civil engineering contractors Brown & Jackson have made a good start to 1974 with half-time profits and turnover ahead of 1973. Taxable profits rose from £201,000 to £231,000 from turnover up from £3.5m to £4.35m. Tax takes £122,000 against £90,000 and earnings a share emerged at 5.48p against 5.56p. The interim dividend is being raised from 2.5p to 2.6p.

HAWKER SIDDELEY
Hawker Siddeley Group has formed new company called Ernest Turner Electrical Instruments which has purchased factories and assets of family company of that name. It makes electrical indicating instruments, etc. Purchase price was about £300,000.

Rights issue from Pahang will boost expansion

Pahang Consolidated, the Malaysia-based mining group, is exercising its option to buy a 20 per cent stake in Federal Cables, Wires & Metals Berhad and is making a rights issue to finance the cost and provide for further diversification and development of its interests.

Cost of acquiring the stake will be about £908,000 after which Pahang will be the holder of 31.74 per cent of the FC equity. Federal Union Sdn Bhd Berhad, which has a 39.54 per cent stake in Pahang, will subscribe for its entitlement of the issue in full. The Bank of England has indicated that permission for proposed issue will be granted provided that appropriate steps are taken to change the ordinary and preference shares of Pahang into foreign currency securities for the purposes of United Kingdom Exchange

GRA chief hits at lack of growth

The Government is channeling off by taxation and other means "great sums which it is not reinvesting in capital developments". Instead, Mr E. F. Bigland, managing director of Guardian Royal Assurance Group, told a conference on insurance in London yesterday, the Government was "frustrating" these sums away in sectors which "do not produce any economic growth".

Referring to predictions that before long the Government could well be in debt to something like £10,000m, he said, the present Government had committed itself to spending in 1975, in money terms, some 25 per cent more than in 1974.



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Briefly

HADEN CARRIER
Haden Carrier's order book at end June stood at £164m, and not £16.4m as stated in yesterday's Business News.

SUPRA GROUP
Turnover for half year, £1.76m (£554,000), taxable profits, £160,500 (£94,000), interim 0.46p gross (equal to 0.44p). Earnings a share 1.4p (1.26p).

LIVERPOOL BROKING MERGER
Rensburg & Co, of Liverpool, Bradford and Chester and the Liverpool firm of Dewes & Co are to merge.

STANLEY MILLER
For six months to June 30 turnover £4.38m (£3.65m); taxable profit £87,000 (£155,000).

J. H. VAVASSEUR GROUP
Group has sold First Investors and Vavasour Unit Management to Henderson Administration for £570,000 cash. Proceeds will go to reduce bank borrowings.

PROVINCIAL CITIES TRUST
Co has acquired Lombin, a private investment company, for £96,867 cash.

J. & J. CASH-JONES STROUD
Shareholders of J. & J. Cash strongly urged by chairman to keep group independent and reject bid from Jones Stroud (Holdings) in that offer "wholly inadequate".

ECONOMIC INSURANCE
For six months to June 30 general net premium income, excluding life, &c., £1.92m (£1.78m), investment income £201,000 (£118,000) and surplus before underwriting results and tax £161,000 (£118,000).

BOUSTEAD
Interim dividend 0.59p (0.57p) with pre-tax profit of £607,000 (£70,000). Earnings 2.5p (1p) a share.

W. & J. GLOSSOP
Board "disappointed" with interim taxable profit down from £225,000 to £205,000. But it reflects difficult conditions. Dividend 1.73p (1.66p adjusted).

Business appointments

Dr J. G. Shaw joins board of Baker Perkins

Dr J. G. Shaw has joined the board of Baker Perkins. Mr C. A. Wood, joint deputy managing director of Guinness Overseas, has been appointed managing director. He succeeds Mr Paul Cliff, the present managing director, who is retiring after 41 years with Guinness. Mr R. I. J. Agnew, deputy chairman of Amey Roadstone Corporation, becomes chief executive. Mr Alex Michman has been appointed sales director of BSP International Foundations. Mr Michael Jeremy has been made United Kingdom marketing director for Polycell Holdings. Mr W. J. Bates has become director of commercial development, CIBA-GEIGY. Mr H. G. Clayton becomes director of purchasing. Mr G. E. Taylor has joined the board of Marshalls (Ballfax). Mr Peter Roddy is joining Triand Metals as a director and general manager. Mr Richard Mears has been appointed a director of Cooper Car.

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The Board of Lisbon Electric Tramways Limited announces that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be convened for the purpose of approving a reduction of capital whereby the 6 per cent Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each would be repaid at par and 80p per share would be paid to the Ordinary Shareholders. The proposed reduction of capital would be subject to the approval of the Court.

The Board intends to dispose of the Company's property interests in Portugal when market conditions improve and the net proceeds, together with the proceeds of the realization of the remaining assets, would be distributed to the Ordinary Shareholders.

A letter giving details of the proposed reduction of capital and a Notice convening the Extraordinary General Meeting will be sent to shareholders and advertised in the Press.

Electra House,
Victoria Embankment,
London, WC2R 3HP.

3rd October, 1974.

MOULINEX

The interim results as at 30th June 1974, which have been calculated by the same accounting methods as last year, show profits amounting to 62,269,000 francs compared with 51,375,000 francs at 30th June 1973 (in respect of a half yearly turnover reaching 471,427,000 francs as against 379,472,000 francs last year).

The following items have been allowed for in the accounts:

- (1) These interim profits have been reduced by 55,330,000 francs in respect of the provision made to cover payment of the exceptional tax of 18% due for payment in July 1974 and calculated on the 1973 tax.
- (2) The interim figures for the first half of 1974 have been reached after appropriating 31,077,000 francs to depreciation reserves as against 23,127,000 francs as at 30th June 1973.

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Bank Base Rates

Table of bank base rates for Barclays Bank, FIMC, and others.

Number of Accepting Houses... 11%... 13%...

ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF ORDINARY SHARES... PAYMENT OF COUPON NO. 81...

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Summary of results for year ended June 30, 1974 compared with previous fiscal year. Includes table for 1974 and 1973 sales and earnings.

Richardson-Merrell increased its quarterly dividend rate from 1 1/2 to 16 cents a share, effective with the September 3, 1974 payment...

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets Renewed selling bout

London stock markets turned sharply lower yesterday when a warning from the OECD that inflation could rise afresh in the United Kingdom was swiftly followed by news of redundancies at major British companies. Also disturbing the City were opinion polls reports that Labour was drawing ahead in the election contest...

The Times Share Indices

Table showing share indices for The Times, FTSE 100, and other market indicators.

Spot Position of Sterling

Table showing spot position of sterling with market rates for various currencies.

Money Market Rates

Table showing money market rates including Treasury bills and other securities.

Issues & Loans

Water offer left to underwriters... The firm tender offer by Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company of 10 per cent redeemable preference stock, 1979, has been left almost entirely to the underwriters...

ECGD Kenya loan

The Export Credits Guarantee Department has guaranteed a loan of £850,000 which Baring Brothers has negotiated with Zamburi Portland Cement, Kenya, to expand the existing cement works at Mombasa.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table showing Eurobond prices for various countries and maturities.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar fell back in active foreign exchange markets yesterday as anxiety over a possible growth in American money supply continued. Sterling failed to respond to the dollar's decline and shed 65 points to \$2,371. At one stage it was down to \$2,330.

Discount market

Money remained in good supply, and for the third day running the Bank of England had to mop up surplus funds by selling Treasury bills. This time, however, the operation was on a small scale and involved sales only to the discount houses.

Recent Issues

Table listing recent issues of securities and their details.

Latest dividends

Table showing latest dividends for various companies.

Commodities

Sugar futures at new heights... A jump of £11.75 to £22.20 a long ton took LONDON SUGAR futures to new contract highs yesterday.

Cocoa soars £37.25

Big gains were recorded in LONDON COCOA futures yesterday, reflecting active conditions, engendered by the upsurge in purchases and grindings returns.

Mining

First half copper output up

While copper production world-wide remained practically static in the first half of 1974, in communist countries making good the 3 per cent drop in the western world, production moved ahead fairly rapidly.

Metal forum on Wednesday

With metal prices well below their peaks it will be interesting to hear what the speakers at next Wednesday's American Metal Market forum at the Café Royal, London, make of future prospects.

Wall Street

New York, Oct 3.—Wall Street stocks fell sharply again early today and at noon the Dow Jones industrial average had dropped 10.48 to 891.53.

74 interim

Table showing financial data for 1974 and 1973, including profit before taxation and minority interests.

It is the intention of your Directors to pay the maximum dividend permitted for 1974 under the present legislation and they have, therefore, declared an interim figure of 1.400p on the Ordinary Share Capital of the Company in respect of the current year.

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Stock Exchange Prices Another setback

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Sept 30. Dealings End, Oct 11. Contango Day, Oct 14. Settlement Day, Oct 22. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days. Regional prices have now been amalgamated into the main list.

W valuers of industrial properties Weatherall Green & Smith LONDON, LEEDS, PARIS NICE, FRANKFURT

Main stock exchange price table with columns for company names, prices, and changes. Includes sections for BRITISH FUNDS, COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, FOREIGN STOCKS, DOLLAR STOCKS, BANKS AND DISCOUNTS, BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL, FINANCIAL TRUSTS, INSURANCE, INVESTMENT TRUSTS, OIL, PROPERTY, RUBBER, and MISCELLANEOUS.

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SCHOOLS COUNCIL

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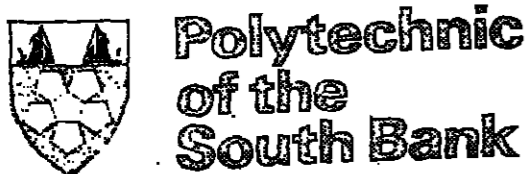
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GENERAL SECRETARY, NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS, HAMILTON HOUSE, MABLEDON PLACE, LONDON WC1H 8DD, not later than second post, Thursday, 24th October, 1974.

ACCOUNTANT

WE WISH TO EMPLOY AN ACCOUNTANT TO ASSIST THE COMPANY SECRETARY. This is a new appointment and the man securing it will be required to consolidate accounts of U.K. and overseas subsidiaries, plan and implement a system of integrated management accounts, produce regular monthly and quarterly information. Qualified Accountants who apply for this post must have at least some experience in the profession or have acquired it in a large company environment where the discipline of regular reporting is essential. Salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience but will not be less than £3,000 per annum. Please send full details to

Box No. 185

All replies will be acknowledged Streets Financial Limited 52 Wilson Street London EC2A 2BU

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Merchant banking subsidiary of Citicorp New York has a vacancy in the recently formed Project Finance Department for an Assistant to the Executive Director. Candidates should have an accounting or financial background, preferably with knowledge of project finance techniques. Salary is negotiable and subject to experience. Promotion prospects are good in an expanding organization.



Please forward curriculum vitae to E. B. Powell, Controller, 24 MOORGATE, LONDON, E.C.2.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER £4,600-£5,240 (Including Threshold Payments) Well over 33 million square feet of factory space has been built in Skelmersdale New Town since development began in 1963. The population now stands at 38,000 against a target population of 80,000. The Corporation have a vacancy for an Industrial Development Officer to assist with the next phase of the New Town's development.

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND ELECTRICITY BOARD SENIOR GROUP MANAGER Generation Operation Division Applications are invited for the above position in the Generation Operation Division located at Board Headquarters, Cathcart, Glasgow.

London Borough of HAVERING Housing Manager Salary £6,101-£6,731 plus London Weighting allowance (£261) and threshold payments The Housing Manager is responsible for a separate Department of the Council of a progressive London Borough with a population of 247,000, 15,500 dwellings under management.

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Managing Director OFFSHORE SERVICES for a rapidly expanding company providing services to the offshore oil and gas industry in South East Asia. The enterprise is backed by a powerful consortium of British companies with major interests in shipping, trading and other related activities.

SCSST Standing Conference on Schools' Science and Technology 1 Birdcage Walk, London, S.W.1 SECRETARY c. £5,000 The Standing Conference on Schools' Science and Technology was established in 1971 to foster the growth of technological awareness in schools through links between teachers and industry.

ASSISTANT SOLICITOR Croydon Circa £5,000 Applications are invited from Solicitors in private practice and elsewhere for a responsible and interesting position in the department of the Regional Solicitor.

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Appointments Vacant also on pages 26 and 27

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE WITH BRASENOSE COLLEGE OXFORD FELLOWSHIP IN MATHEMATICS

University of Durham RESEARCH FELLOW AND RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN THE BUSINESS SCHOOL

University of Manchester THE MANCHESTER MUSEUM ASSISTANT KEEPER IN ETHNOLOGY

University of Southampton University of Leicester LECTURESHIP IN LAW

University of Bristol CHAIR OF SURGERY

University of Aston in Birmingham ASTON MANAGEMENT LECTURER

RESEARCH FELLOW IN ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY (Faunal Remains)

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London's leading specialists in...
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Ideal Home Olympia/Film Sets
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"A" LEVELS, JUNE '75, also...
PREPARATION OF A LEVELS...
GRADUATE IN JAPANESE

FOR SALE AND WANTED

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GOLD SOVEREIGNS, NUMBER RAN...
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Broadcasting
There is a wide choice of comedy—with two new series starting. No Strings (BBC1 7.45) has Rita Tushingham and Keith Baron while No Honestly (ITV 8.30) pairs the super comedy team of John Alderton and Pauline Collins. There is also the reliable Morecambe and Wise Show (BBC1 8.15) and the droll wit of M.A.S.H. (BBC2 9.10). On more serious matters The Money Programme (BBC2 9.10) considers nationalization, and Intimate Strangers (ITV 9.10) continues its painful but fascinating way through a life full of problems. Two American detective series, The Magician (ITV 7.30) and Cannon (BBC1 9.35), are above average.—T.S.

Motor Show Place
A large advertisement for a motor show featuring various car models and their specifications.

BBC 1
18.45-19.00 am. You and Me.
19.00-19.15. News.
19.15-19.30. Peppie Mill.
19.30-19.45. Mary, Mungo and Midge.
19.45-20.00. Top of the Pops.

BBC 2
6.40-7.05 am. Open University.
11.00-11.25. Play School.
11.25-11.50. The Man-made World.
11.50-12.05. The Gardener.

Thames
12.00. Pinks. 12.15 pm.
12.15. The Magic Ball.
12.30. Golf.
12.45. News.
1.00. General Hospital.
1.30. The Jensen.
1.45. The Magpie.
2.00. The Gardener.

ATV
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19.30. The Detectives: Cannon.
19.45. Campaign Special.
20.00. News.
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PERSONAL COLUMNS

ALSO ON PAGES 28 and 29

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DEATHS... WILSON... On October 1st, 1974, at the age of 82 years...

ANNOUNCEMENTS... ARE YOU MOVING EAST?... Does business or pleasure mean you must move to Essex, Norfolk or Suffolk?

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HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... THIS MONTH'S THOMSON BEST BUYS... £5 per person off the brochure price...

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... WHO SAID YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO GET THIS YEAR?... If you've ruled out a winter holiday...

BIRTHS... BARTON... On October 3rd, at 10.15 am, a son, James Edward...

BIRTHS... BRIDGEMAN... On October 3rd at 10.15 am, a son, James Edward...

BIRTHS... COLEMAN... On October 2nd, at 10.15 am, a son, James Edward...

BIRTHS... DOLAN... On September 29th, 1974, a son, James Edward...

BIRTHS... LUCAS... On October 2nd, 1974, a son, James Edward...

BIRTHS... MASON... On October 2nd, 1974, a son, James Edward...

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BIRTHS... O'BRIEN... On October 2nd, 1974, a son, James Edward...

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